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'Grounded' Soviet jet flies out

A Soviet Ilyushin 62 passenger aircraft that had been stranded at Heathrow airport, London, because union members refused to lift their ban on working on Aeroflot airlines finally took off at last night without its passengers.

It used engine reverse thrust to push itself away from the aircraft stand and left Britain with only the crew on board and with three hours' fuel supply.

The union ban was in response to the shooting down of the South Korean airliner last month. The Heathrow airliner had at first been advised not to use reverse thrust because of the danger of shattering terminal building windows.

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- The far left's hopes of reversing the rightward changes of a year ago on the national executive committee were disappointed
- Mr Foot, giving his valedictory speech to the Labour Party Conference, received a memorable send-off
- A strong campaign has started for the job of chief whip with Mr Kinnock's opposition to the reelection of Mr Cocks "an open secret"
- Government promises to maintain the health service had been destroyed in an avalanche of cuts, cash limits and privatization, a union delegate said
- Mr Eric Heffer, MP, called for a campaign inside and outside Parliament against the Government's onslaught on local authorities

From Julian Haviland, Political Editor, Brighton

The Labour Party Conference, as if determined to mend its ways and prospects, yesterday gave Mr Neil Kinnock, its new leader, a team who will work with him, and Mr Michael Foot, its old leader, a memorable send-off.

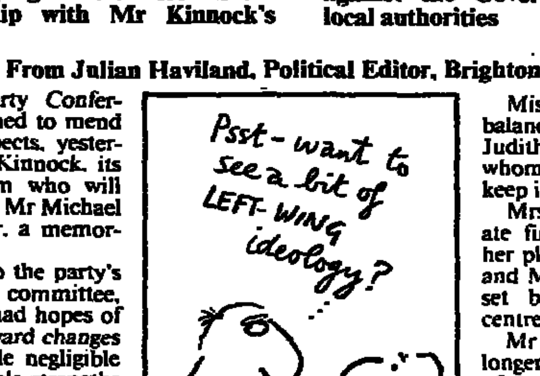
In the election to the party's national executive committee, the far left, which had hopes of *reversing the rightward changes* of a year ago, made negligible ground. Their reliable strengths remains, as before, at about nine out of a voting membership of 29, which leaves Mr Kinnock with a comfortable majority for doing anything he is likely to contemplate.

In the trade union section, the champions of the left, Mr Eric Clarke, the mineworkers, and Mr Charles Kelly, of the construction workers, were only runners-up.

The left-wing Mr Dougland Hoyle, of the supervisors union, ASTMS, dislodged the right-wing Mr Denis Howell of Apex (*Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staffs*), but Mr Hoyle's union campaigned for Mr Kinnock's election, and he is expected to be supportive.

Mr Michael Meacher and Mr David Blunkett took the two vacant palces in the constituency section. Mr Meacher, with a huge vote garnered in his campaign for the deputy leadership.

Both are left, but Mr Meacher disappointed his far left friends by voting for Mr Kinnock rather than Mr Eric Heffer, and so the leadership is looking for his support.



Mr Blunkett, Labour leader of Sheffield city council, a man of independent mind and forceful speech, is also seen by Mr Kinnock's supporters as one of themselves.

The women's section brought back two former NEC members in Miss Joan Maynard and Mrs Renée Short. Miss Maynard has already made plain her distrust of the new leadership, which counts her as hostile. But Mrs Short, since her rustication, is no longer counted among her former friends on the far left; she voted for Mr Kinnock, and is warm in her approval of him.

Miss Maynard's arrival is balanced by the defeat of Dame Judith Hart, a former chairman, whom the far left had tried to keep in place.

Mrs Anne Davis, the moderate first elected last year, lost her place yesterday. Her defeat, and Mr Howell's were the only set backs for the dominant centre-right alliance.

Mr Wedgwood Benn, no longer an MP, again came top of the constituency section, but it was clear yesterday that this NEC will do as Mr Kinnock wishes, and not choose Mr Benn for his old and influential position as chairman of the home policy committee. Mr Hoyle's name is the one most mentioned in that context.

Mr Foot made a valedictory speech which was received with a warmth exceeding anything which the oldest conference-goers could recall. They cheered him at the start and at the finish and, with a spontaneity not often seen, they sang "For he's a jolly good fellow".

There seemed to be something penitential in their good wishes: many of them had given him a pretty miserable three years in the leadership.

Mr Foot was at ease as he laid his burden down, and had no trouble rousing the delegates with his passion and humour, with his studied hesitancy, his finger tips striking his chin, the tricks of speech they have known for years.

For the election defeat, he told them: "I have to bear the chief responsibility". He was

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Birthday honours: Princess Anne opening an exhibition to celebrate the bicentenary of Arthur Ackerman and Son in Bond Street, London, yesterday.

Leader wants chief whip ousted

From Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent Brighton

Labour MPs at Brighton are being left in no doubt that Mr Neil Kinnock does not want the reelection of Mr Michael Cocks as the party chief whip.

The new leader's hostility to Mr Cocks was being described yesterday as "an open secret", and that message is being used as part of the strong campaign that started for the chief whip's post.

Nominations have so far been submitted for Mr Cocks and for Mr Terence Davis, MP for Birmingham, Hodge Hill. But further nominations are also expected from Mr John Evans, St Helens, North, Mr Peter Snape, West Bromwhich, East, and Mr Martin Flannery, Sheffield, Hillsborough.

Ballot papers are to be sent out next Tuesday to the party's 209 MPs and the result of the first ballot will be declared on October 20, the week before Parliament reassembles.

It was said by well placed MPs yesterday that the weakness of Mr Kinnock's kitchen cabinet, his personal staff, in terms of "sharp end" political experience made the choice of chief whip a matter of prime importance.

But there is no clear front-runner and, despite the fact that Mr Cocks, aged 54, has earned the enmity of many up-and-coming MPs because of the old-fashioned way in which the whip's office was run during the last Parliament and because of his choice of deputy, Mr Walter Harrison, his chances cannot be discounted.

Nevertheless, the challenge he faces from Mr Evans, Mr Davis and Mr Snape is a strong one.

Mr Evans, aged 53, who has served as Mr Michael Foot's *parliamentary private secretary* since 1980, was elected yesterday to the national executive and that link with the party's key committee is seen as a strong advantage. His connexion with Mr Foot, however, could be a handicap.

Mr Davis, aged 45, has been an opposition spokesman on health since 1980 and it was emphasized yesterday that he had managed to attract support from the left and the right wings of the party.

Mr Snape, aged 41, has been an opposition spokesman on home affairs since last year and previously served as a front bench spokesman on defence and disarmament.

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Union defiant on defence motion

Transport Union leaders last night formally rejected a personal request from Mr Neil Kinnock to drop a proposal that the next Labour government would "unconditionally scrap all nuclear weapons systems".

TGW delegates agreed to go ahead today with a composite policy motion, which the new Labour leader wanted them to remit to the party's national executive committee.

Reagan offers Russia new weapons deal

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan yesterday announced major new "build-down" proposals for the next round of the strategic arms reduction talks (Start) to reduce long-range nuclear weapons.

With Congressional support, the President said the Soviet Union must start negotiating in good faith. The Russians had still to take their first meaningful step to address earlier American proposals in the Start negotiations, he said.

A senior Administration official explained that, under the build-down concept, every modernized or new land-based missile warhead deployed would have to be accompanied by the destruction of two older warheads.

The proposal will be put at the Start negotiations, which resume tomorrow by Ambassador Edward Rowny, the chief United States negotiator.

The concept was first suggested to the President by Senator William Cohen (Republican, Maine) and Senator Sam Nunn (Democrat, Georgia).

The new Reagan plan is reported to retain his previous key proposal that each of the superpowers should reduce its total of warheads by about one-third to equal levels of 5,000.

Senators and Congressional leaders met the President on Monday to discuss the plan. Senator Charles Percy, the Republican chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who also attended the meeting, later told reporters: "This is truly an historic moment."

He said it was the first time in the history of Congress and the executive branch that "we have worked out jointly an arms control proposal in which we are truly united".

Several senators and congressmen recently demanded a build-down proposal in return for their votes for the production of the giant MX intercontinental ballistic missile, which President Reagan maintains is essential to modernize the US nuclear arsenal.

The President's Start initiative follows the proposals he made for the separate Geneva negotiations between the US and the Soviet Union on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) reductions.

The President put the INF proposals during his recent policy speech to the United Nations General Assembly.

In a speech on Monday evening to the tenth anniversary dinner of the conservative Heritage Foundation, he said: "The search for genuine, verifiable arms reduction is not a campaign pledge or a sideline item in my national security.

"Reducing the risk of war and the level of nuclear arms is an imperative, precisely because it enhances our security."

He rejected criticism that the harsh words he has used about the Russians had reduced chances for arms control agreements. "unilateral restraint and good will does not provide similar reactions from the Soviet Union. And it doesn't produce genuine arms control."



President Reagan at the White House yesterday

Members hit out at Boycott's dismissal

By Richard Streeton

Geoffrey Boycott's supporters are trying to get Yorkshire County Cricket Club to rescind their decision to dispense with the 42-year-old batsman's services. Three of the committee on the losing side in an 18-7 vote in favour of not renewing Boycott's contract are expected to attend a protest meeting on Sunday in Ossett.

The meeting has been arranged by Mr Peter Briggs, who was chairman of the former Yorkshire members' reform group. He said it was open to anyone "interested in demanding justice in Yorkshire cricket". The three committee members willing to attend are Sidney Fielden (Doncaster), Peter Charles (Rotherham) and Reginald Kirk (Hull).

There were widespread denials yesterday from other counties that they would be seeking Boycott's signature on a contract. The most strongly held theory is that he will conclude his career in South Africa, where he has spent many winters coaching and playing.

Mr Briggs believes that the logical move for those dissatisfied with the decision would be for them to call a special general meeting of Yorkshire members to put a vote of no-confidence in the committee.

With the county's membership around 10,400, the protesters would need, under the relevant rule, only between 250 to 300 signatures for the meeting to be held within 21 days. When the reform group last called a special meeting in 1979 after Boycott was removed from the captaincy absentee postal votes swung the victory to the committee.

Boycott, who returned from South Africa overnight on Sunday, spent the day behind the drawn curtains of his house on Woolley, a picturesque South Yorkshire village off the A61 between Barnsley and Wakefield. At least, it is thought he was there. Some 40 reporters and cameramen waited all day outside the property's high fences and its remote-controlled front gate.

Messages were passed in and out by someone understood to be a house decorator who said Boycott was resting and was gathering his thoughts about his future. Nobody could see Boycott, who is believed to be negotiating with a tabloid newspaper for his story. It was a tedious wait for the media, with no pub, no shops and only one telephone in the vicinity.

Senior Yorkshire officials remained silent, their swords back in the scabbards. Others were not so reticent. Mr Fielden threatened: "There will be trouble this winter on a scale never witnessed before" – a reference the rest of us must hope refers only to the Yorkshire cricket dispute.

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Heseltine and Jenkin fight spending cuts

By Philip Webster, Political Correspondent

The Treasury is facing strong resistance from departmental spending ministers as it attempts to cut £2,500m from their spending plans for 1984/85.

Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is seeking reductions in the bids submitted mainly by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services.

It is said to be premature to speak of a breakdown in the talks between Mr Rees and the ministers, which are still continuing. Some progress has been made, but a Treasury official acknowledged last night that the talks were proving difficult.

"The target in this year's bilaterals is a tough one requiring difficult negotiations and difficult decisions", he said.

There is increasing expectation that the issue will have to be resolved, as in the past, either by the full Cabinet to which Mr Rees will report when he has gone as far as he can go, or a special Cabinet committee previously dubbed the "star chamber".

Mr Heseltine, still angry at the way he was presented with a £240m cut the day after he published his defence White Paper, is in no mood to give way. Mr Jenkin is defending cuts in urban aid.

Vauxhall strike collapses

By Barrie Clement and David Felton

The four-day strike at Vauxhall's three plants collapsed yesterday after two-thirds of the company's 14,500 workers voted to return to work.

Union leaders at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, the only factory standing out against the 7.75 per cent pay offer virtually conceded defeat last night and are expected to recommend resumption of production at mass meetings today.

Mr Gerry Russell, a member of the executive of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers with responsibility for Vauxhall, urged engineering workers who supported the strike, to return to work.

The collapse of the stoppage was provoked by the decision of 7,000 workers at the Luton plant who voted amid angry scenes to call off the strike.

At the Dunstable works, 1,000 members of the Transport and General Workers' Union who voted to accept the offer, are due to resume work this morning. They defied a recommendation from their shop stewards to continue the stoppage by a majority of two to one.

National officers of the three unions involved in the dispute, which also includes the electricians, are due to meet the company in London tomorrow. There is little they can do but accept the offer.

Warsaw faces dilemma

Walesa is Nobel favourite

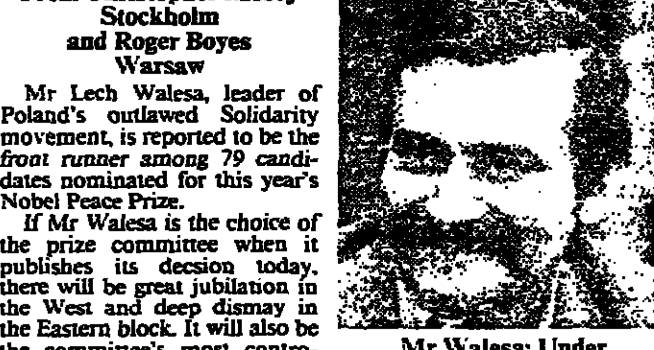
From Christopher Mosey Stockholm and Roger Boyes Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, leader of Poland's outlawed Solidarity movement, is reported to be the *front runner* among 79 candidates nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

If Mr Walesa is the choice of the prize committee when it publishes its decision today, there will be great jubilation in the West and deep dismay in the Eastern block. It will also be the committee's most controversial choice since 1978 when the prize was awarded to President Sadat of Egypt and Mr Manachem Begin, who was then Israeli Prime Minister.

Anticipating the possibility that Mr Walesa might win the prize, the Polish Government spokesman in Warsaw said yesterday that the nominees was still under investigation for illegally holding bank accounts in the West and for evading Polish taxes. It is clear that the authorities in Warsaw are nervous about him winning the prize for that would undo most of their attempts to discredit him at home.

If, however, the Nobel committee opts for a less controversial figure for the prize, there are plenty of candidates. They include the Pope, Mr Philip Habib, President Reagan's former special envoy to Lebanon, Mr Eli Wiesel, the Jewish writer, and Mrs Helen Suzman, the South African opposition politician.



Mr Walesa: Under financial investigation.

The list also covers organizations like Unicef, the UN Children's Fund, and the International Scout Movement.

Even if Mr Walesa does win, there were grave doubts in Oslo last night that he would be permitted to travel there to receive the prize which is worth £133,000 this year.

As part of the Polish authorities' campaign against him, Polish television recently broadcast a tape recording of an alleged conversation between Mr Walesa and his brother during which he admitted having a $1m (£666,000) gleaned from Western prizes.

The tape recording, which Mr Jerry Urban – the government – spokesman, said yesterday had been certified as genuine by the criminal division of the police, is being regarded as evidence against Mr Walesa by Treasury investigators in Gdansk.

In the tape recording, Mr Walesa is heard to say, "this million should be arranged in such a way that it would maintain the family for I do not know how long. Of course today we have some five or six million here in this country. I would really like to get this Nobel after all though the church is making it difficult for me. I would get it if it were not for the church."

The authorities say they recorded the conversation just over a year ago – shortly before the awarding of last year's Nobel prizes – when Mr Walesa was allowed to meet his brother, Stanislaw while interned in a remote hunting lodge in Alarmow, near the Soviet border. Mr Walesa says that the tape is a fabrication, splicing together disparate parts of monitored conversations.

Mr Urban said yesterday that unauthorized possession of foreign bank accounts was an offence under the 1952 Banking Act as was the evasion of taxes. But he could not say whether Mr Walesa would be brought to trial – that depended on the outcome of the investigations pursued by the Gdansk financial authorities. There was other evidence against him apart from the tape recording.

Mr Walesa did indeed win many foreign prizes – though not the Nobel prize – *while he* was Solidarity leader but he insists that the money went into Solidarity coffers, not his.

Mr Urban told reporters that Mr Walesa was not the target of a propaganda campaign because his role was not important enough in Polish politics.

Two letter bombs sent to police

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

Incendiary devices concealed in letters were defused at London offices of the Police Federation and the welfare department of the Metropolitan Police yesterday. No one was injured.

Commander William Hucklesby, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, said later that the devices appeared to be similar to incendiaries sent earlier in the year to the Soviet Embassy and other Russian buildings in London by a group named after a Ukrainian anarchist, the Makhnos Gang.

One device yesterday was delivered to the offices of the Metropolitan Police branch of the Police Federation in Limehouse, east London. The office is listed in the London telephone directory.

The other device was sent to Wellington House which is close to Scotland Yard in Victoria, central London, and houses the force's personnel departments. Both the devices were hidden inside white envelopes, handwritten and posted in north London.

The incendiaries were made with a simple mechanism of a match and satchet of black powder. They would erupt into a small blaze if the contents of the letter were pulled out.

The two devices delivered yesterday bring the total sent by the group to 10 since March. The last was to the Institute of Directors in May.

Memorial in park for IRA victims

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, will today unveil a memorial tablet on the bandstand in Regent's Park, London, to the seven bandsmen of The Royal Green Jackets killed by an IRA terrorist bomb while playing on the bandstand in July last year.

Widows and families of the dead soldiers will also be at the service of dedication. So will Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, other government ministers, and senior army officers including Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of the Defence Staff.

The reformed band, including many of those injured in the bomb attack, will be on the bandstand.

Sefton, the Household Cavalry horse that survived severe injuries received in the bombing, was presented with a bravery award at the Horse of the Year Show yesterday.

Driving ban on cartoonist

Peter Maddocks, aged 55, a Fleet Street cartoonist, of Bell Trees Grove, Streatham, South London, was fined £100, with £28.12 costs and banned from driving for a year at Horseferry Magistrates' Court yesterday. He admitted riding his Suzuki motorcycle while unfit through drink in Southwark on August 23.

He told the magistrates that on the night in question he found his studios had been ransacked for the fifth time in four years and he had a bottle of wine when clearing it.

Telecom protest action widened

The Post Office Engineering Union yesterday widened its industrial action in protest at plans to sell off the public telephone system. Eight key members from the Aberdeen branch were called out on strike in a move designed to affect the maintenance of telex and datel equipment.

The union said the action would mean that no telex or datel faults would be dealt with in the Aberdeen area. Oil companies and big business were expected to be affected.

Costs move to save 'Romans'

Mr Andrew Lea, organizer of the Theatre Defence Fund, set up to protect the play *Romans in Britain*, said yesterday that it will consider underwriting any legal costs incurred in staging the production outside London.

The play, which includes a simulated homosexual rape, was to have been shown this month as part of the Swanseaa Fringe Festival. It has now been cancelled after threats of legal action by a Swansea city councillor.

Hillhead unity

A joint SDP/Liberal Alliance committee has been set up in the Glasgow, Hillhead constituency of Mr Roy Jenkins, former SDP leader, the SDP announced yesterday. It would organize campaigning in the constituency.

School blast

Bomb squad detectives were last night investigating an explosion at Wellington College in Berkshire. Boys queueing in the dining hall were showered with glass as the incendiary device exploded shortly after 1 pm. No one was injured.

Ships order lost

Harland and Wolff, which last month lost a £4.5m refit of the Queen Elizabeth 2, to Germany, narrowly failed to win a £70m order for three tankers for Shell, which goes to South Korea.

Taxes will rise sharply without big public spending cuts, study says

By Frances Williams Economics Correspondent

The price of failure by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, to secure big cuts in public spending in future years could be increases equivalent to between 10p and 15p on the basic rate of income tax, a new study published today says.

If spending is not cut and the economy stagnates, higher taxes will be needed to stop state borrowing from rising sharply, according to calculations by Mr Gavyn Davies, of Simon and Coates, the city stockbrokers. That is bacause slow growth dampens government revenues and pushes up spending on social security benefits, widening the gap to be filled by borrowing.

Unpublished Treasury forecasts come to a similar conclusion. Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who is now involved in bruising negotiations with spending ministers on estimates for next year, told the Cabinet in July that longer term spending cuts were essential to avoid tax rises. The Government could not bank on rapid economic growth to bail it out, he said.

To make room for the tax cuts the Government wants dearly, the Cabinet have agreed to aim to reduce public spending to below 40 per cent of the national output by 1988, compared with 44 per cent last year. All departments have been asked to propose cuts to meet that objective.

But Mr Davies suggests that the target will be hard to achieve without annual growth of about 2.5 per cent. If it drops below 1.5 per cent, the share of public spending in the economy is likely to rise.

Borrowing poses an even greater problem for the Chancellor, Mr Davies says. Zero growth after 1984-85 would, without substantial tax increases, double state borrowing to 6 per cent of national output by 1988-89, when the next general election is due.

Even if spending is cut, growth would have to average at least 1.5 per cent a year to make room for tax reductions by keeping borrowing down, Mr Davies estimates.

Children suffer 45% accidents at home

Children aged under five playing on a summer Sunday afternoon are most at risk of suffering non-fatal injury at home, according to a report published yesterday by the Consumer Safety Unit.

The unit's home accident surveillance system found that 27 per cent of home accidents last year involved small children, and 45 per cent were aged under 16.

The figures are compiled from records at a sample of 20 hospital casualty departments in England and Wales, where a third of all accidents and emergencies were caused at home.

The aim of the unit is to try to "reduce the pain and suffering involved in accidents, and their substantial economic costs", by tracing their causes, according to Mr Alex Fletcher, Under Secretary of State responsible for corporate and consumer affairs

The unit estimates that there are more than two million accidents in the home every year. Cutting or piercing is the most common injury accounting for nearly one in five of the total. One in 10 are falls on stairs, and another three in 10 are falls of some other kind.

Accidents are 40 per cent more frequent in midsummer than in December.

ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME

Type of accident	%
Fall from stairs	10.3
Fall from ladders1.1	
Fall from building	0.5
Fall between two levels	8.4
Fall on same level	14.2
Other fall	9.2
Cutting/piercing	19.2
Struck by object/person	13.0
Burning accident from controlled heat source	5.1
Foreign body	3.8
Accidental poisoning from inhalation/ingestion	3.1
Struck by falling object	2.8
Over-exertion accident	1.9
Burning involving uncontrolled fire	0.4
Explosion accident	0.2
Electric current accident	0.1
Radiation accident	0.1
Other	0.6
Unknown	6.0

Home Accident Surveillance System, 1982, (Department of Trade and Industry. Millbank, London SW1P).

Backlog of appeal cases falls

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

About 77 per cent of appeals to the Court of Appeal were dismissed by it or by consent, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, said in a progress report yesterday.

During the past year unmeritorious appeals had been discouraged by selective listing, designed to make it unprofitable to launch an appeal solely to achieve delay.

Sir John said it was now becoming known that such appeals received priority in listing and that any postponement of the eviction would be short, unless the appeal succeeded.

Sir John said that the function of the court was to correct errors, not provide a second stage in a trial.

This time last year the number of appeals outstanding was about 1,100. In the previous decade the number of appeals awaiting hearing had been rising at more than 10 per cent a year.

If that trend had continued the present waiting list would contain about 1,250 appeals. In fact, the waiting list contained 930 appeals, a reduction of 170 over the year.

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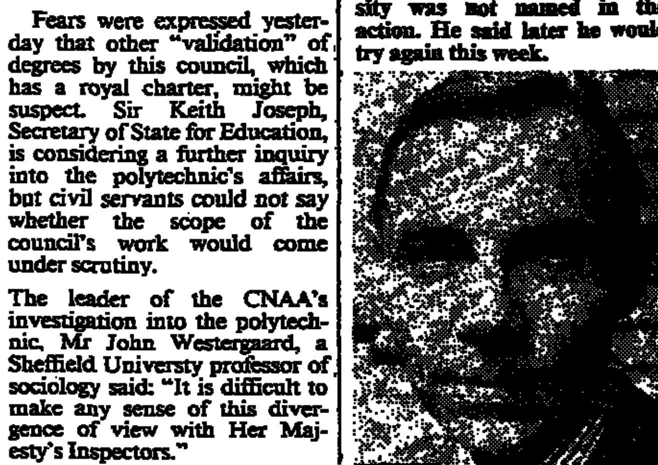
Mr David Hurst, (below), the law lecturer who criticized the "idle life" enjoyed by university dons, was suspended by Reading University yesterday.

Mr Hurst, aged 47, is to face a board of inquiry before the university council decides whether to dismiss him. An internal committee of inquiry has already met.

Mr Edward Bell, assistant registrar said that the suspension was "not a disciplinary measure".

Mr Hurst, who has taught land law and equity at Reading for five years failed yesterday to gain an injunction in the High Court setting the suspension aside because the university was not named in the action. He said later he would try again this week.





BR to cut 10,000 office jobs

By Michael Baily and David Felton

British Rail is to reduce up to 10,000 administrative jobs and close 19 divisional offices in an 18-month cost-cutting drive, Mr Bert Lyons, general secretary of the Transport Salaried Staff Association, disclosed at the Labour Party conference at Brighton yesterday.

Seven divisional offices in the London Midland Region would go, three on Eastern, six on Western, and three on Southern, Mr Lyons said a meeting of the "triple alliance" of coal, steel and rail unions to fight cuts in their industries.

British Rail confirmed last night that Mr Lyons's figures were broadly correct, and were part of the 15,000 job losses by 1988 foreshadowed in its corporate plan in August.

The divisional offices to be closed are: Eastern: Doncaster, London King's Cross, London Liverpool Street, Leeds. Norwich (already closed) and Newcastle; London Midland: London Euston, Manchester, Nottingham, Preston, Stoke, Birmingham and Liverpool; Southern: Beckenham, Croydon and Wimbledon; Western: Reading, Bristol and Cardiff.

In Brighton, leaders of seven unions relaunched the triple alliance in the face of threatened job cuts, which they fear could total 100,000.

The unions are to establish a formal grouping of their sponsored MPs to oppose cuts

Polytechnic courses attacked

By David Walker

Sharp criticism by government inspectors of sociology teaching at a London polytechnic has raised doubts about the quality of hundreds of non-university degree courses.

A team of Her Majesty's Inspectors found slipshod teaching, "casual" lecturing and the danger of Marxist bias in two sociology degree courses offered by the Polytechnic of North London. The findings came only months after the courses had been passed by the quango responsible for approving non-university degrees, the Council for National Academic Awards.

Fears were expressed yesterday that other "validation" of degrees by this council, which has a royal charter, might be suspect. Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, is considering a further inquiry into the polytechnic's affairs, but civil servants could not say whether the scope of the council's work would come under scrutiny.

The leader of the CNAA's investigation into the polytechnic, Mr John Westergaard, a Sheffield Universty professor of sociology said: "It is difficult to make any sense of this divergence of view with Her Majesty's Inspectors."

Mr Nicholas Norman (left), master of The Armouries, showing the suit yesterday to Mr Macfarlane. (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

Appeal to save Earl's armour

By Our Arts Correspondent

An appeal for £368,000 to save for the nation an important set of armour belonging to Henry Wriothesley, the third Earl of Southampton, and patron of William Shakespeare, was launched yesterday by Mr Neil Macfarlane, Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment.

It was part of the Hever Castle Collection sold in May and went to a private American collector at Sotheby's. On the recommendation of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art, Lord Gowrie, the Minister for the Arts, withheld the armour's export licence for six months.

The suit of armour, originally thought to be Flemish, is now believed to be French and may have been acquired during one of the Earl's visits to France in 1598.

The Armouries at the Tower of London, which is trying to purchase the suit, says it is the only complete sixteenth century French armour in Britain and is of outstanding importance.

Contributions should be sent to The Southampton Appeal, The Armouries, Tower of London, London EC3, with cheques made payable to the Department of the Environment.

Theatres' working practices under fire

By Christopher Warman

The "restrictive practices" of the stage staffs at the Royal Opera House, criticized in the Rayner scrutiny of the finances of the opera house and the Royal Shakespeare Company, published on Monday, were endemic throughout the theatre, a spokesman for the National Association of Theatrical, Television and Kine Employees (NATTKE), said yesterday.

They had been in existence at the Royal Opera House "for some time on an amicable basis", he added. The union is still digesting the report, by Mr Clive Priestley, and is not yet prepared to comment on its conclusions.

In his report, Mr Priestley recommended that "this is a nettle to be grasped now" and that work practices should be renegotiated before the opera house redevelopment programme begins in 1986.

Out of a total of about £600,000 that the report believes can be saved by the Royal Opera House in the next two or three years, Mr Priestley singles out work practices and overtime arrangements of stage staffs as an area for savings of about £150,000.

Acknowledging that it is a complicated area, where certain costly work practices have accumulated over time, Mr Priestley says that "some of the NATTKE restrictions on, for example minimum length of overtime call, fixed team sizes, automatic replacement of absentees, and "one-job, one-call" are, to the outsider, excessive".

They can involve eight hours at double time being paid to staff for a job lasting just a couple of hours and a team of seven electricians having to be called in for an overtime call of eight hours at double time when only one is needed on stand-by.

The report recommends that the management should look at whether the present two-shift system of working is the most effective either in terms of cost or of the physical burden it places on staff.

More health regions join jobs cut revolt

By Nicholas Timmins

Two more health authorities have decided to follow Brent in defying the Government's job cuts, and a third has said it will have, to take "draconian" measure unless and manpower figures it has been given are changed.

Islington Health Authority in London and the Sheffield Health Authority have both voted not to implement the jobs cuts, although both, unlike Brent, accepted financial cuts imposed after the Chancellor's emergency package in July.

In the case of Islington Health Authority that will mean saving £303,000, with the closure of a 20-bed ward at the Royal Northern Hospital, and the halting of planned expansions in services for the mentally handicapped.

But the authority decided unanimously not to implement its manpower target of cutting 101 jobs.

Mr Brian Harrison, the district administrator, said such a cut would have meant the closure of another two wards.

Redbridge Health Authority, which covers parts of Essex including Ilford, Barking and Dagenham, decided to take no action on its proposed cut of 35 jobs, saying it will have to implement a draconian package of ward and unit closures if its figures are not changed.

Mr Paul Cooper, the district administrator, says the authority's manpower figures differ from those it has been given by the region. To achieve the target it has been set would actually invlove cutting between 100 and 150 jobs, not 35.

The authority has drawn up a list of options to save jobs. They include closing specialist units and a geriatric day hospital. But the authority decided to take no action until the figures on which the manpower cuts are based have been clarified.

NUJ in pay talks at Financial Times

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Crucial pay talks take place today between the *Financial Times* management and journalists' leaders in an attempt to avoid further disruption at the paper.

A mandatory two-hour meeting of members of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) delayed production of yesterday's paper and a further meeting is planned later today

The paper's present difficulties follow a damaging and prolonged strike over pay by the National Graphical Association (NGA) in the summer, which cost the company an estimated £6m.

Journalists are demanding a flat rate increase of £2,200 a year, which is worth about 12 per cent, and the *Financial Times*, which initially offered 4½ per cent, is now sticking at 5 per cent across the board. The union is expecting an improved offer today.

The NUJ argues that recent percentage increases of the last two or three years have increased differential levels to an unacceptable degree, and is adamant about a flat rate rise.

The company has indicated that it wanted to reinforce the principle of differentials, and this has proved to be the most contentious issue.

Mr Alan Pike, father of the NUJ chapel at the *Financial Times*, said yesterday that feeling among his members was running high, but that he hoped to avoid confrontation.

The union estimates that there are 13 journalists, as well as the editor and his deputy, earning more than £26,000 a year.

There are 65 earning between £13,000 and £16,000 and 17 salaries below £13,000. The average salary is £18,000, and Mr Pike estimates that it would be increased to £20,300 if the union's claim was fulfilled in its entirety.

Be tolerant, rabbis told

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

Synagogues should tolerate individuals and couples who do not conform to the traditional Jewish idea of marriage and family life, according to a report prepared for the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain.

Unconventional life-styles which merited a "positive response" including homosexual couples, and men and women living together but not married.

Within the Reform Jewish community, however, the most controversial recommendation is likely to be that non-Jewish partners in mixed marriages should also be accepted by the Jewish community. The report balances this by restating the community's disapproval of mixed marriage.

The report was prepared by a working party of rabbis and other experts.

Cleaners lose contract

By Barbara Day

A private contractor hired to clean schools in the London Borough of Merton was dismissed by the council yesterday, only one month after term began.

Two weeks ago, Academy Cleaning Services Ltd had been given a deadline to improve its standard of work or face dismissal.

Merton said a special education sub-committee decided on Monday night that there was clear evidence that Academy had not been able to carry out its full responsibilities and it was agreed to dispense with its services immediately.

The contract has now been awarded to the Provincial Cleaning Services Group.

Mr Brian Mein, Academy's managing director, said: "Obviously we are very disappointed.

Competing charities: 3

Defending the right to duplicate

Almost anyone can start a charity, and on average one a day is started. RICHARD EVANS, concluding a series on charities that duplicate one another's efforts, reports on why the law is content to leave wide scope for public concern to express itself.

The constant emergence of action groups, voluntary organizations and campaign bodies is one of the more endearing characteristics of British life.

No sooner, for example, is a new illness, ailment or medical abnormality identified, than some group will emerge on the horizon to espouse its afflicted.

Some of these concerned groups perish after the initial burst of enthusiasm. Many, more than one a day, go on to join the 144,000 bodies in Britain already granted charitable status; the largest number for any nation in the world.

"Many of the people involved have never done anything of this kind before", Dame Elizabeth Ackroyd, chairman of the Patients Association, said. "But they have fire in their bellies and they succeed on the tide of some public indignation and get something off the ground.

"They usually run it from their sitting rooms, disrupting family life if the initiative is successful. But eventually it becomes established. And it is their baby".

Dame Elizabeth admits that the ever growing number of voluntary bodies, many concentrating their efforts in the same field, inevitably leads to confusion, duplication and personal rivalry.

"By their very nature, people who successfully start such bodies tend to be very strong personalities and find it difficult to get on with rivals. The great source of divisiveness is raising money. That is the Achilles' heel of all voluntary organizations now."

But those disadvantages, she believes, are more than compensated for by the immense energy and enthusiasm from thousands of people who give countless hours to their causes, and without whom most charities would perish.

Mr Nicholas Hinton, director of the National Council for Voluntary Organizations, agreed. "Obviously there is a degree of duplication between organizations. But to try to legislate, or in any other way prevent duplication and overlapping, would be very difficult.

"It is a fairly basic freedom in this country for people who care about X, Y or Z to form an association and get on with it. I don't think anybody would want rules and regulations laid down that prevented people from doing that".

"If you did, you would turn the tap off vast amounts of voluntary effort and money."

Yet the forthcoming creation of a national agency to fight alcoholism which will replace at least three bodies that had been attempting, amid some rivalry and bitterness, to do the job, shows rationalization is not only desirable in certain cases, but possible in practice.

But the stumbling block to rationalization or amalgamation, where it may be deemed appropriate, is the source of finance.

Even the worthiest of causes is not immune from the chill touch of economic recession. Only last week the Government announced that next year's budget for the voluntary sector would be cut by 2 per cent.

"A lot of organizations are feeling the pinch", Dame Elizabeth said. "Their expenses, such as rents, rates and telephones are going up while subscriptions and funds in general are falling off.

"It is a rather gloomy forecast. Undoubtedly it will lead to some amalgamation. Some of the little organizations will just bite the bullet."

Concluded

Sale room

Cabinet on satinwood fetches £31,900

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Neo-classical furniture using pretty woods with inlaid patterns and pictures seems to be enjoying a sudden new popularity. Considered fussy when chunky oak was "in", the rich have decided its elegance is desirable, as they did when they commissioned it in the late eighteenth century.

Phillips's price ideas were demonstrated behind the times yesterday when two London dealers fought for possession of a cabinet estimated to fetch £3,000-£5,000 and drove the price to £31,900. M. Turpin Ltd of Chelsea emerged the victor.

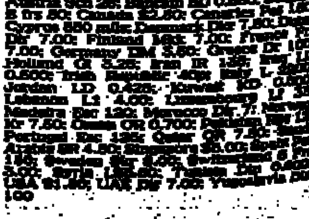
It is a Sheraton cabinet on stand in satinwood with marquetry inlay of urns and foliage and a central sycamore panel incorporating motifs ranging from a basket of flowers, to acorns, a squirrel and a dancing girl, a fussy elegance but just in line with the new taste.

The furniture sale also included an Italian version of the much prized style, a rosewood and marquetry commode with an ebonized medallion of classical ruins draped by ribband-tied cornucopias. It sold for £6,800.

At Sotheby's the collection of books on angling formed by an enthusiastic Midlands fisherman, the late George Scott Atkinson, proved popular with other anglers. A book of specimen fishing flies. *Brook and River Trouting* by Edmonds and Lee, issued in a limited edition of 50 copies in 1916, soared to secure £1,980 (estimate £1,000-£1,200).

At the other end of the scale, a 1749 second edition of R. Brookes' *The Art of Angling, Rock and Sea Fishing* in a nineteenth century leather binding could be had for £16.50 (estimate £50-£70).

Some of the prices in the bibliography section went through the roof, most notably a book by a former director of Sotheby's. A. R. A. Hobson's *French and Italian Collectors and their Bindings illustrated from Examples in the Library of J. R. Abbey* was published in 1953 and estimated to fetch £600-£800. In the event Maggs paid £1,760 for it.



Overseas selling prices

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Revised quality test for goods proposed in new deal for customers

By Peter Evans

Customers should have greater protection against unstatisfactory goods, the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission said yesterday in a discussion paper.

The present test is whether the goods are of "merchantable quality", which has been used in legislation since 1893. The definition concentrates too much on the goods' fitness for the purpose for which they were bought, the commission believe.

The definition of the quality required by law should be altered so that it also includes:
The appearance of the goods, their finish, suitability for immediate use and freedom from minor defects
Whether the goods were safe
The durability of the goods.

The discussion paper is concerned only with contracts made between the buyer and the seller or supplier of goods and not with the legal relationship that exists between the buyer and the manufacturer or wholesaler of goods.

The present law gives the buyer a right to reject the goods and demand his or her money back if the seller fails to supply goods of "merchantable quality". Whether or not the buyer chooses to reject the goods the buyer can also claim damages for any loss which he may have suffered arising from the seller's breach of contract.

Section 14 (6) of the Sale of Goods Act, 1970 says goods are of "merchantable quality" if "they are as fit for the purpose or purposes for which goods of that kind are commonly bought as it is reasonable to expect having regard to any description applied to them, the price (if relevant) and all the other relevant circumstances."

The term "merchantable quality" was used in the Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act, 1973, and Lord Denning referred to it in Cehave NV v Bremer Handelsgesellschaft in 1976 when he said the term was the best that had been devised.

But the commissions say that at present the absolute right to reject goods which are not of "merchantable quality" can work in an undesirable way against buyers' interests. If the defects in the goods are fairly minor a court may be tempted to decide that the contract has not been broken rather than to allow the buyer to hand back the goods and claim all his money back.

There is some evidence that that has been happening. The result is that some buyers may be left with no remedy for minor defects.

The report says that the term "merchantable quality" should be replaced by a neutral one such as "proper quality" or some such formula as "a quality which is acceptable, in all respects, to a reasonable buyer."

The commissions recommed that the buyer should be able to reject goods outright and claim the money back, with an exception. That is where the seller can show that the nature and consequences of the breach are slight and that in the circumstances it is reasonable that the buyer should be required to accept the repair or replacement of of the goods.

Where such a "cure" was not provided satisfactorily and promptly the buyer could reject the goods and claim his or her money back. The buyer should in all cases be able to claim damanges.

A high proportion of the recommendations of the Law Commsission on the sale of goods has been put into law.

If consultations support the view that a change is needed, a Bill is likely to be drafted by parliamentary counsel, instructed by the commissions. It would be up to the Lord Chancellor, a minister of the Department of Trade or even a private member to introduce the Bill in Parliament.

The Law Commission Working Paper No 85 and Scottish Law Commission Consulatative Memorandum No 58: Sale and Supply of Goods (Stationery Office, £3.50).

Case of the faulty car

A decision in 1976 of the Inner House of the Court of Session, (Millars of Falkirk v Turpie) referred to a new car found on the day after its delivery to have an oil leak in the power-assisted steering system.

It was collected by the dealers and an adjustment was made, but it leaked again the next day. The buyer thereupon refused to pay the balance of the price and rejected it on the ground that it was not of merchantable quality as required by the statutory definition.

The court unanimously upheld the decision of the sheriff that the car complied with the requirement of merchantable quality.

Lord President Emslie said that the dealers were willing and anxious to cure the defect, which was minor.



Big day for ballet: Mme Sulamith Messerer (left), Sir Anton Dolin and Svetlana Beriosova announcing a Great Ballet Gala yesterday. The gala, is in aid of the Dancer's Trust, at the London Coliseum on November 13 (Photograph: Martin Mayer)

Resorts to offer bargain family seaside holidays

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Bargain family holidays at the British seaside, with a big national promotional campaign to match that of the foreign package holidays, is the latest idea to halt the decline of the traditional holiday.

The plan, with the offer of substantial cash backing, was presented yesterday by Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the English Tourist Board.

If funding from local authorities, Hotels and guest houses, and the Board is sufficient, a television advertising campaign early in the new year during the Christmas season holidays is a possibility.

The move came as evidence mounted of a big increase in spending on holidays in Britain.

In the first six months of this year spending on Enbglish holidays rose 24 per cent, according to the ETB. Tourist revenue, which includes business travel, rose by 27 per cent. In Britain, holiday spending was up 23 per cent higher and tourist spending rose 22 per cent.

How far this indicates a substantial rise in the number of holiday trips is not yet clear although bigger hotel chains have reported being busier. But with the hot summer not starting until July and August further revenue growth over the whole summer season seems likely.

The 1983 summer season has been an excellent one for the English resorts. But Mr Montague said that places had done poorly. There were indications earlier in the season that parts of the West Country and Wales were doing badly.

If any resort had done poorly it should set up a review quickly, Mr Montague said.

"This has been a year when all external factors have been favourable. If this minority has not done well this year then they have some very deep and searching questions to ask themselves, about their future and whether what they offer is what the public wants."

Mr Montague thinks he has identified a strong campaigning line to bring more families back to the English seaside, which could revive resorts' fortunes.

He said at a Blackpool seminar yesterday: "There is no doubt that once a holiday cost has to be multiplied – by the numbers in the family – the more competitive an English seaside holiday becomes. We must exploit this fact".

But the domestic tourism industry will be under pressure in attempting to attract more holidaymakers by a stance of bargains galore. The foreign package-tour companies are bringing down their holiday prices for the second year running, while a strong sterling against holiday destination currencies has made spending money go further, as well as helping the operator to buy foreign hotel rooms more cheaply.

Hotels and guest houses also still needed to pursue a policy of modernization to eliminate shared facilities like bathrooms, Mr Montague said.

The British market last year still accounted for 69 per cent of the holiday nights Britons spent away from home, a 1 per cent drop on 1981. There was a 2 per cent drop on long holidays taken in Britain, also 1 per cent down.

Foreign packages accounted for 37 per cent of the long-holiday market.

Domestic holidays by Britons, 1982

Type of holidaymaker	**%**
Professional & managerial	25
Clerical & supervisory	26
Skilled manual	26
Unskilled, pensioners	23
Length of stay	
2 nights	23
4 nights	9
7 nights	17
14 nights	5
Transport used	
Car	75
Coach	7
Coach tour	4
Train	11

Source: British Home Tourism Survey

Child road accident toll rises

Casualties from road accidents in the second quarter of 1983 are believed to be 7 per cent lower than for the same period last year, when it was not compulsory to wear seat belts.

But the estimated figures released yesterday by the Department of Transport also show a marked increase in the number of accidents involving children. Casualties among child pedestrians are up by 8 per cent and those among child cyclists are up by 3 per cent. Altogether 104 child pedestrians died as a result of road accidents. That figure represents a 30 per cent increase.

Generally deaths were down by 9 per cent and serious injuries down by 13 per cent, despite a 5 per cent increase in total traffic over the year.

Abbey to aid action areas

The Abbey National, one of the top five building societies, yesterday cut the mortgage rate it charges new borrowers in Housing Action Areas by 1 per cent to 10.25 per cent. The move follows Monday's cut in interest rates by the banks but does not herald an early cut in mortgage rates for ordinary borrowers.

New borrowers in 226 action areas stand to benefit from the Abbey's decision.

The society says that it has allocated an extra £45m to the action areas, and wants the lower mortgage rate to be matched by increased improvement grants from local authorities.

Fever victim dies

Mr Neville Scott, aged 54, of Kennilworth, who was admitted to Warwick Hospital with fever three weeks ago, has died of Legionnaires' disease. The area health authority decided no precautions were necessary because Mr Scott contracted the disease in Minorca.

Fan remanded

Stephen Lunn, aged 24, a Huddersfield Town supporter, was remanded in custody for a week by Huddersfield magistrates yesterday, charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Richard Aldridge, a Chelsea supporter, who died after a match on Saturday.

Nostalgia train

An eight-coach Pullman train carrying 110 passengers left Victoria station, London, yesterday to commemorate the centenary of the Venice Simplon Orient Express, which ended the service to Istanbul in 1977.

Stubble 'burden'

Kent County Council yesterday called on the Government to outlaw stubble burning because of the burden on the fire service and the cost to ratepayers. In August Kent firemen tackled 139 fires caused by stubble burning.

Peak fitness

Mr Adrian Crane, aged 28, from Cockermouth, Cumbria, who ran the length of the Himalayas with his brother Richard, aged 29, earlier this year, is to join an expedition to climb Everest next year.

Guns 'to kill myself'

Martin tells jury of paranoia

By John Witherow

David Martin described yesterday how he had been driving along the M4 into London when he heard on the radio that that police has shot Stephen Waldorf instead of him.

Mr Martin, appearing in the witness box for the first time, told the jury at the Central Criminal Court that he heard "David Martin had been shot in a police ambush, which was pretty unlikely seeing I was driving along. They are pretty incompetent at the best of times but I couldn't believe they had shot the wrong person."

The jury has been told that Mr Waldorf was shot in Earls Court on January 14 when police were hunting for Mr Martin, who had escaped from a magistrates' court three weeks before. Two policemen have been charged after the shooting and await trial.

Mr Martin, aged 36, of Crawford Place, west London, admitted shooting Police Constable Nicholas Carr and taking part in a bank robbery in which a security guard was shot in the leg. But he told the court that the policeman was shot by accident during a struggle.

He faces 14 charges, including two of grievous bodily harm, but yesterday denied all of them except for the robbery of £25,000 from Lloyds Bank and a burglary of photographic equipment after his escape.

Asked about his first arrest in September, 1982, when he was shot by a policeman in the neck, Mr Martin said he thought he might have been entering an ambush as he returned to his flat. He told the court that he was shot without warning as he got out of the lift on the seventh floor. As he turned a corner he bumped into a policeman.

Mr Martin said earlier that day he had collected two pistols from safe boxes and was carrying them at the time he was shot. But he denied the Crown's case that police opened fire only after he had drawn both guns, one from a bangbag and one from a holster.

Asked why he was carrying the guns, he replied: "You could call it paranoia or intuition. I felt something nasty was going to happen and at least it gave me an opportunity to get out of the situation. If it meant blowing my own head off it seemed a reasonable thing to do. I had the guns ultimatley to kill myself.

Mr Martin said that after his second arrest in the London Underground he had hidden a small penknife in his mouth so "that if they left me alone it would give me an opportunity to cut my throat."

He also suspected a police trap when he went to meet his friend, Miss Susan Stephens, in a restaurant in Hampstead and he had been pursued into the Underground station by armed Flying Squad officers. He told the jury that when he ran onto the Tube line he knew he could have been killed by electric shock and had even considered jumping in front of a train.

The trial continues today.

Taxes may subsidize private hospital

By Nicholas Timmins

A new private hospital in Leeds is hoping to benefit from and indirect subsidy from the taxpayer of several hundred thousand pounds at a time when National Health Service budgets are being cut by £140m.

The directors of the Caldaire Independent Hospital company, which is building a £3.1m thirty-six bed hospital at Methley, near Leeds, believe the hospital, due to open in December next year, will qualify under the Government's new Business Expansion Scheme.

That would allow individuals who buy shares in the hospital to claim tax relief at their highest rate – up to 75 per cent – on the shares they buy.

While most of the finance for the hospital is being raised in the city, 525,00 shares at £1.25 are being offered to subscribers. If those who bought the shares paid tax at an average rate of 50 per cent, the individuals concerned would receive about £320,000 in tax relief, while the hospital would receive more than £65,000 in investment.

Mr Richard Clemons, chairman of Caldaire Independent Hospital, said that for someone paying tax at 50 per cent, it meant the cost of their investment was halved.

The benefit to the company was indirect, he said. "It provides more incentive for individuals to subscribe than there would be otherwise, and it makes it easier to raise the money". He would be "very surprised" if other private hospital schemes did not follow suit.

The scheme is likely to attract criticism from those opposed to the Government's health service cuts, who will argue that the Government is cutting the amount of taxpays' money spent on the health service, while providing tax relief to encourage investment on private hospitals.

Mr John Armstrong of the merchant bankers Granville and Company, who are financial advisers to the project, said the hospital had not yet been formally accepted by the Inland Revenue as qualifying under the Business Expansion Scheme, but added: "Our lawyers and accountants have advised that it is a scheme which will qualify".

● The Rosie maternity hospital at Cambridge, built at a cost of £6m, takes its first patients today after a week-long delay caused by contamination in the piped medical gas system.

'Jail break' by charity volunteers

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The governor of Winchester Prison, Mr M V Roberts, is to give a send-off to a jail break next Sunday. Dressed in traditional convict's garb, with a ball and chain round their ankles, the escapers, volunteers from outside the prison, have to try to get as far as they can from the prison in 12 hours.

They are not allowed to spend money on transport, but they are being sponsored to raise money for the British Leprosy Relief Organization as part of a "prison week" aimed at reducing the barriers between the jail and the community.

Organized by staff at the prison and the Prison Reform Trust, the week begins with the annual legal service at Winchester Cathedral attended by Crown Court judges.

Sinclair joins £1m league

By Our Labour Reporter

Sir, Clive Sinclair, the much-acclaimed "elecronics wizard" at the head of Sinclair Research has joined the million-a-year set.

Sir Clive awarded himself a £1m bonus in the financial year to March, 1982 to top up a salary of £12,767.

That constitutes an increase of more than 300 per cent on the £242,500 which he received in renumerations from his company the year before. The new figure also comfortably outstrips the £399,661 which was the total paid to his 26 employees in the same year.

Sir Clive has joined other notable figures in themillionaire class:
Mr David Sainsbury (Sainsbury's) £4,763,873
Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland (Lonrho) £4,256,547
Mr John Sainsbury (Sainsbury's) £1,716,105
Mr Timothy Sainsbury (Sainsbury's) £1,552,034
Mr Phillip Harris (Harris Queensway) £1,102,379.

The intelligence is contained in a new piece of research by the Labour Research Department which speaks of "pay explosion" for a small number of senior company directors between 1979 and 1982.

Between those years the researchers estimate that inflation rose by 49 per cent, average earnings of male manual workers by 43 per cent and the pay of the top 28 directors, who were all paid more than £250,000 in 1982, by 93 per cent

The researchers also found that six directors in Britain are receiving £250,000 a year or more. They are:
Mr Richard Giordino (BOC) £579,000
Mr Patrick Sergeant (Associated Newspapers) £302,596
Mr Richard Reich (BOC) £300,000
Mr Gerald Ronson (Heron Group) £288,000
Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland (Lonrho) £266,034
Mr Donald Craig (BOC) £250,000.

A seventh, Mr Russell Evans of the Rank Organisation was included incorrectly.

Mystery in wake of lone sailor

By Craig Seton

Mr Tom McNally, a Lancashire businessman attempting to cross the Atlantic in a yacht only 6ft 10 in long, is apparently refusing to give-up his lone voyage after being found, in a search involving three nations without food and water 920 miles off Land's End.

An estimated £200,000 is belived to have been spent in an RAF operation to find Mr McNally in his boat, Big C. Two Nimrod reconnaisance aircraft from Kinloss, Scotland, took part in the search which also involved two US long-range aircraft and a Soviet trawler, which Mr McNally eventually boarded yesterday

He was given a meal, but it appears he rejected an appeal by the Soviet captain for him to give up his journey, then in its 45th day, from Newfoudland.

Latest information is that he resumed the journey after the Soviet ship gave him a sectant to replace lost navigation equipment.

Mr McNally's wife Cathy said she supported her husband in his quest. She said he could reach Falmouth, in Cornwall, in two weeks.

Food consumption 'near peak in rich countries'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The populations of rich industrialized nations have nearly reached the limit of their food consumption in terms of calories, a conference in London was told yesterday. That at assessment was given by M Gerard Viatte, deputy director of food and agriculture in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Mr Viatte said that while diets would continue to change, the low population growth forecast for most OECD regions, North America, Western Europe, Australasia and Japan, precluded any significant increase in total consumption.

Despite their pressing needs, the developing countries did not offer the prospect of a stable and reliable market for European and north American food and animal feed surpluses, he said.

Within OECD countries the share of animal products in food consumption, which had increased significantly in the past 20 years, was tending to stabilize. Meat's share rose from 13 to 18 per cent between 1955 and 1980, reaching a plateau of about 22 per cent in the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

In four countries meat formed less than 15 per cent of the national diet; Japan, Protugal, Norway and Italy, where a large amount of fish is eaten.

He told the conference, organized by the American Soybean Association, that the increase in poultry consumption was not likely to continue because of cost.

● There was a touch of the Falklands spirit in Knightsbridge, West London, yesterday, with Harrods festooned in Union flags and Princess Anne opening a three-week British promotion in the store's newly-extended food halls.

The buyers from Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United States, invited by the Food from Britain organization, could hardly fail to conclude that at least Britain's top people eat well.

Mlle Helen Fortugne, a buyer for a French multiple chain, said that it was often difficult to find firms interested in importing.

British hams, cakes, biscuits and confectionery sold well, but she saw little prospect for meat, fruit and vegetables.

Breathing gear demanded by non-smoker

A British Telecom engineer who refused to work in premises where smoking was permitted unless he was supplied with a breathing apparatus was dismissed last December.

In a written judgment rejecting Mr Conator Mach's appeal against dismissal, an industrial tribunal in Glasgow ruled yesterday that the decision was fair.

Mr William Melville, aged 53, assistant executive engineer, said that Mr Mach refused to work in the test room because smoking was allowed which he felt was a health risk. He said that smoking was permitted only if the majority of staff were in favour.

Mr Mach, of Buccleugh Street, Glasgow, declined to give evidence.

The tribunal ruled: "The test room was correctly categorised as a place where smoking was permissible

Industry fights EEC noise restrictions

By Patricia Clough

British industry is resisting an EEC proposal to make employees keep noise at the work below an average of 85 decibels over eight hours.

The employers maintain the maximum should be 90 decibels, roughly equivalent to the sound of a train arriving at an underground station, while 85 is the level of average street traffic.

They say that the proposal would cost British industry £1,000m and would spare fewer people from deafness than the EEC estimates.

The proposed directive by the EEC Commission would follow regulations on lead and asbestos. It says that where it is "not reasonably practical" to reduce noise levels to an average of 85 decibels, workers should be given earplugs, protected by screening and given regular hearing checks.

The Confederation of British Industries, the Engineering Employers' Federation and other employers' organizations are actively lobbying the Government, the commission and the European Parliament.

SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL

	dB
Pain threshold	140
Jet take-off 100 metres away	125
Pneumatic drill	100
Street traffic	85
Business office	65
Living room	40
Woodland sounds	15
Hearing threshold	0

The decibel scale is logarithmic. 90 dB is five times louder than 85 dB.

Tribunal told of secretary's 100 cases of harassment

A secretary kept a diary which logged more than 100 incidents of alleged sexual harassment by her employer against her, an industrial tribunal in Liverpool was told yesterday.

Mrs Shirlie Guy, aged 36, claims unfair dismissal and sexual discrimination against Nestle's of Croydon.

Mrs Guy told the tribunal that her new employer, Mr Ronald Langley, aged 43, was the company's depot manager in Warrington, Cheshire. On his first day at work, on March 1, 1982, he invited her to his hotel that night. This invitation was repeated frequently.

Reading from her diary she alleged that he also: Told a colleague when Mrs Guy came into the room: "Shirlie's got no knickers on"; Talked about sex and showed "dirty photographs"; Talked about his frustrated sex life; Asked Mrs Guy if she had any female friends who would go to bed with him.

Mrs Guy, of Faringdon Road, Winnick, Warrington, told the tribunal, that she felt nauseated by Mr Langley's advances.

She said she thought Mr Langley needed treatment. "He is a pervert", she told the tribunal. "And I decry the Nestle's company for allowing that man to hold a position he held. They knew what he was".

Nestle's informed her she would be moved to the regional office. Mrs Guy would be put upstairs with other secretaries.

"I said I did not want to do that because I had done nothing wrong."

Mr Langley then received a written warning in August, 1982, about the photographs.

March 8, 1983, was her final day at work. "While on the telephone, Mr Langley squeezed my breasts, lifted my sweater up and tried to undo my bra. He told me: 'This one must unfasten at the front'".

Mr Langley resigned from his post as depot manager in August this year.

Mrs Guy resigned two months before she was due to be made redundant. She is claiming sexual discrimination and contructive dismissal.

The tribunal was adjourned until November 2.

Muslim appeal

The Muslim Parents' Association in Bradford has appealed to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, against Bradford City Council's refusal last month to sell five schools as a first step towards Muslim-aided schools.

Girl of 13 raped

Police in Hertfordshire launched a search yesterday for a man who raped a girl, aged 13, as she walked across Bernards Heath, Harpenden Road, St Albans, on Monday.

First motorway

The Irish Republic's first motorway a five-mile stretch in Kildare costing £12m, was opened yesterday. It by-passes the bottleneck of Naas on the route from Dublin to Cork and Limerick.

Solicitor who killed boy in crash jailed

A solicitor who was driving home drunk from a champagne party near Harrogate, Yorkshire, when he knocked a paperboy off his bicycle and killed him was jailed yesterday for a year with nine months suspended.

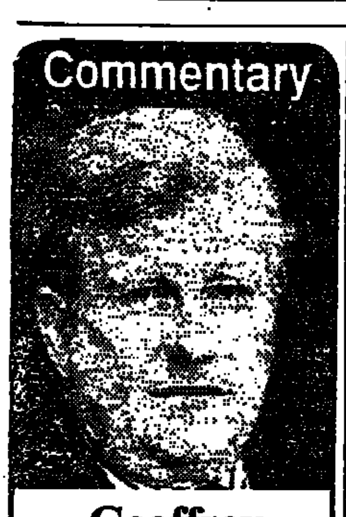
William Gradwell, aged 36, of Pannal, Harrogate, drove his car into Mark Lomas, aged 15, flinging the boy into the air and on to the car roof, Leeds Crown Court was told. The boy died instanly, but Gradwell, who has two children, drove off, Mr Anthony Purnell, for the prosecution, said.

Police tests showed that the solicitor, who pleaded guilty to causing death by reckless driving, had drunk the equivalent of 14 whiskies.

Gradwell was jailed yesterday and banned from driving for three years

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE ● Council house sales ● Health cuts anger ● Foot's message of hope

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Throughout this conference both Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley have been preparing to lead Labour back towards the centre of British politics. That is the significance of all talk about listening to the British public so as to avoid another catastrophic electoral defeat. Pragmatism is to be given priority over doctrinal pruity. But how much freedom of manoeuvre do the new leaders have?

Had the hard left won a majority on the new National Executive Committee, as some had feared a little while ago, Mr Kinnock would have found himself frustrated at every step. Mr Benn would have been restored to the chairmanship of the home policy sub committee, with all the scope that post would have offered to embarrass the leadership. The party organization would have been controlled by a body that did not share Mr Kinnock's basic objective. Every attempt to modify policy would have been made far more difficult.

On the new NEC there are three groups: the centre-right, the soft left and the hard left, with the balance of power being held by the soft left. This will suit Mr Kinnock well enough, because it is the section of the party from which he comes and which will respond most readily to his guidence. But while it is right to think of three distinct groups, it would be misleading to speak of them as if they were monolithic, with every member always voting with the same group on every issue.

Divisions liable to break down

They are most likely to vote in clearly defined categories on symbolic issues and questions of organization and party discipline. But the neat divisions between right, soft left and hard left are liable to break down on matters of policy.

That was demonstrated clearly enough in the muddled proceedings over the defence resolutions in the NEC on Sunday. Although the hard left was in just as much of a manority on the old NEC as the new one, and Mr Kinnock should in theory have found if just as easy to command a majority, he was nonetheless unable to persuade the committee to recommend the remission of a rigidly unilateralist motion.

This was an example of what is just as liable to happen in the coming year on policy issues if there is not determined and astute leadership. The new leaders have every right to be pleased with the elections to the NEC because something has not gone wrong which could have gone wrong.

But it does not follow tha he will automatically have a majority behind him whenever he wishes to adjust existing policy so as to make it more palatable to the electorate.

There are four areas of policy where adjustment is principally required: the sale of council houses, withdrawal from the European Community, unilateral nuclear disarmament, and economic strategy.

Dilemma on economic policy

It seemed clear from the mood of the conference yesterday that the party is moving towards dropping its opposition to the sale of council houses. Mr Kinnock has already indicated that he wants to give up the commitment to outright withdrawal from the EEC, and I do not believe that he will have too much difficulty in persuading a majority of the party to follow him. The most delicate issues are likely to be defence and economic policy in all its ramifications.

Defence is to be debated this morning, so it will be better to leave comment on that to another occasion. Economic policy presents a problem because the electorate was very reasonably unconvinced that Labour had any clear idea as to how it would find the money for its ambitious proposals. So long as Labour fails to correct that weakenss it will not look like a credible alternative government.

Yet it can solve this problem only by proposing tax increases that will be unacceptable to the country, or by renouncing spending plans that are dear to the hearts of important sections of the party. That illustrates Mr Kinnock's general dilemma: how to retain the support of the party while moving it to a position where it can hope to recover the confidence of the country.

It will be a long and difficult task. The first few days at Brighton have made it look slightly less damning. But then there is the defence debate today.

Foot says farewell, and speaks of the shame of Conservative victory

Labour gave a hero's farewell to Mr Michael Foot, its outgoing leader, when he concluded his speech to the Labour Party Conference in Brighton yesterday with the message of hope which he said they should send forth to the people of Britain and the outside world – a stricken country and a frightened world. The message was one of democratic socialists seeking to revive Britain and giving a proper lead in building a peaceful world. That new hope would take Labour to victory.

For nearly five minutes delegates gave a standing ovation to Mr Foot, leader of the party since 1980, former minister and, in his last spell, a member of the party executive since 1972.

There was cheering as Mr Foot was joined by his wife, Jill, and the singing of "for he's a jolly good fellow" before Mr Foot was allowed to resume his seat.

The leader of the opposition has some scathing things to say about Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Dr David Owen and Fleet Street. He contended that Labour's case was proven. He did not say that Labour's manifesto for the June election was either word perfect or idea perfect but he was not in favour of casting it aside.

Congratulating his successor, Mr Foot said that Mr Neil Kinnock, who take over the leadership officially on Friday, had the spirit of Nye Bevan within him.

Mr Foot began by paying tribute to the chairman of the conference, Mr Sam McCluskie, the party's general secretary, Mr James Mortimer, and the outgoing deputy leader, Mr Denis Healey.

"Sometimes it is suggested in some quarters that Denis and I have not always seen eye to eye on every subject. I am not sure whether this is intended as a tribute or a criticism. However, I can assure you that during this time Denis has given me wonderful support and encouragement, and I am deeply grateful to him."

Mr Foot said that he was deeply ashamed that Labour has allowed the fortunes of Britain to rest with such a Government as there was in Britain at present.

"All of us have assembled here with a determination to carry out a proper revenge in the interests of the British people."

He repudiated any suggestion that the defeat was due to the failure of the parliamentary party to carry out its functions under the party's constitution to do everything they could to win.

"None of us can forget the depths of the wounds that happened in individual constituencies and to individual people in that defeat."

At the SDP conference in Salford, Dr David Owen had given what was described as an analysis of Britain's present economic situation. He paid great tribute to the competitive system, the social market economy, the Sir Keith Joseph, Thatcher, Nigel Lawson economy.

"He said they must apply it more astringently in the future. Dr Owen talked of this competitive system as if it were a great success. He even talked as if there were a bandwagon in that direction, and of course if there is a bandwagon moving he wants to be on it."

It was a strange moment for anyone to be paying a tribute to the competitive system. The market economy had shown itself in the last few years less successful in providing a stable expanding economy than at any time in this century. It was less able to provide jobs and keep people above the poverty line than at any time for generations.

'Revenge for the British people'

"Don't let anybody say this is a moment when we as democratic socialists should abandon any degree of the faith and philosophy in which we believe because our case has been proven.

"Sometimes when I consider the antics of the Social Democrats and the injury they have done by their treachery to our party and our country, I am reminded of the lines of one of my favourite poets who said 'When you have been betrayed be still more true, let faith flame high.'"

It was in that spirit they should proceed.

Mr Foot said that all his sympathies were for Mr David Steel, the leader of the Liberal Party. "If I have any advice to him I say he doesn't really have to take seriously any of the prescriptions offered him by the doctor. That doctor has not practised any real medicine for years. All he wants to do is take over the practice.

During the election and at other periods the British people got a distorted and completely jaundiced picture of what was really happening.

He said: "I am not one of those who believe you can blame the election defeat solely on the media or newspapers.

"I say, as much as a journalist as a member of the Labour Party and I am not lumping the whole of the media together or anything so foolish because there are real differences to be drawn between them, the debasement of journalism is worse in Fleet Street today than at any time I can recall (applause).

"I do not say it is all due to the arrival of Mr Murdoch in Britain, although I think he bears his fair share (applause) – to say that would not be fair to the others, would it? (laughter). It would not be fair to our own old friend *The Daily Mail*, the forger's gazette" (applause).

He added: "I am a paid-up member of the National Union of Journalists and proud of my union. The bingo competition now going on in Fleet Street will kill decent journalism if journalists do not put a stop to it (applause). Every decent journalist in this country knows the truth of what I am saying. I am in favour of protecting the value and credit of our newspapers because I believe they are essential to the maintenance of our general freedom.

"However, as a general rule if you want to discover it in Fleet Street – I am not talking about the provincial press.: They have higher standards as a whole – the ones who have got down lowest in the gutter are almost always those who have got either editor or owner ennobled or knighted by the Prime Minister."

Reports from Alan Wood, Robert Morgan, John Winder, Amanda Haigh, and Stephen Goodwin

One of the ways of correcting the situation was for the Labour movement to have its own newspaper, and another was to ensure journalists stuck to the code of conduct of the NUJ, which would make Fleet Street a healthier place (applause).

Now the election was over, and in spite of the efforts of some of the newspapers, the debate they had tried to suppress during the election was breaking out – wherever nurses, teachers, civil servants, public authorities met. The truth about the election was now becoming more evident. It was even creeping into some of the newspapers he had referred to.

A couple of years ago *The Times* referred to the debate held at the last Labour conference just after the publication of the Think Tank report. *The Times* said in a leading article – and he was not quoting any tuppenny-halfpenny *Times* reporter but the editor's sober considered opinions:

'Don't cast aside the manifesto'

'He (Sir Geoffrey Howe) suggested that the Cabinet needed to take a fundamental look at public spending as a follow up to the now infamous Think Tank report. The Cabinet took fright a year ago. The Conservatives fought the election without any public recognition of the major decisions which they would need to take if they wished to break out of the depressing and inexorable rise in public spending, borrowing and taxation.'

Mr Peter Shore, day after day, had told the country what was going to happen, and what was the real meaning of that Think Tank report.

The *Sunday Telegraph* has since said: "It is difficult to see how Mrs Thatcher can avoid being forced to do what she promised not to do. A small majority won by telling the truth – how much more strength that would have provided than the landslide won by deception." That is what it was – a landslide won by deception (applause).

Up and down Britain, they were taking steps to sack doctors, nurses and workers in the health service.

He was not apologizing for what he said during the election. Those should come to the British people from the Conservatives.

"I am not saying that our manifesto was word perfect or idea perfect, even, but I tell you this: I am not in favour of casting it aside (applause). If we were to do so, we would not win any respect from the British people at all and when we came to the next election, they would say 'what about this manifesto?'.

"I am not turning my back on it, and I do not believe the Labour movement will either." That particularly applied in foreign affairs.

Mrs Thatcher now tried to give the impression that the British Government had been in favour of disarmament and arms control like the Americans.

They, in the Labour Party condemned the Soviet action in shooting down the Korean airliner. They also condemned the reaction to that event because sane men and women all over the planet, when they saw what happened after that accident, would know how combustible were the nuclear weapons piled higher and higher. Sane men and women believed that intelligent conversations should take place between the super powers.

Sometimes they behaved like super idiots, and nations like Britain, with independent power and judgment, should have offered cool advice and judgment instead of piling faggots on the flames.

What Mrs Thatcher said was palpable falsehood. It was not the case that the British and American Governments offered proposals for arms control. That had been happening over the past five years.

The Americans had abandoned discussions about the Salt II agreement. "Now they are saying that Mrs Thatcher says she has been struggling for disarmament all through this period. Not true."

There had been serious departures on the Soviet side from what they had said originally so there could be the makings of an agreement but the British Government did nothing about it. It did not even listen to what other Governments said. They were saying that they should proceed very much on the lines the Labour Party proposed.

If M Mitterrand and President de Gaulle had been asked, as Mrs Thatcher was, if cruise could be stationed in their country, they would have given a clear answer.

Labour was opposed to the cruise and Pershing programme because the chances of future arms agreements would be indefinitely reduced.

Labour should use all its strength in Europe and across the world to try and stop the hideous nuclear

'Stop the hideous nuclear arms race'

arms race, and turn the world back on the course of intelligence and common sense.

In the thirties he had heard Nye Bevan say in Trafalgar Square that they had come not to bury the dead but to bring life to the living. That was what they were doing at the conference: bringing life to the living, bringing new hope to their stricken country and the frightened world. That was what they could take from the conference.

"That is how we can change the 1980s into the course they should take – have democratic socialists ruling in Britain and giving a proper lead to their fellow socialists and others throughout the world, determined to build a peaceful world as well.

That is the new hope which comes from this conference and in that hope we shall carry forward to our victory". Leading article, page 9



End of an era: Mr Foot making his final points as leader.

Anger over attack on the NHS

The Government's proposed cuts in the health service and the handling of those cuts by Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State, came in for severe criticism during a debate on the health service.

Mr Tom Sawyer, of the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe), opening the debate, said the Government's promises to maintain the service had been destroyed in an avalanche of cuts, cash limits and privatization. the Government's policies turned out to be a prescription the doctors would not sign, chemists would not dispense and people would not accept.

The Prime Minister would never know what it was like to be on a waiting list. Her family would never know the misery of having a child waiting for a necessary operation, or an elderly relative anxious and in pain waiting for a letter of admission to hospital.

The Government said the service was safe, in their hands, but they were selling parts off behind people's backs. Privatization of services was done in the name of efficiency, but it had meant the biggest windfall to hit the Stock Exchange for 10 years.

Mr Paddy Buckney, Chichester, said two kidney patients turned away from Guy's Hospital recently have since died. The Tories were getting away with murder. If the Labour Party was to maintain and expand the health service it would have to fight every bit as hard as it did to set up the service in the first place.

Mr Hector McKenzie, of the Confederation of Health Service Employers, said that one of the few crumbs of comfort was the blundering and incompetent way that Mr Fowler had weilded the chancellor's axe. He had succeeded in uniting everyone, inside and outside the service. He had sewn the seeds for a united response.

Mr John Edmunds, of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, said that Mr Fowler had handled the cuts with all the dexterity of an arthritic rhinoceros. He had been bounced into the cuts by the Treasury. He had claimed that the cuts would only affect administrative staff, but the London authorities announced doctors and nurses would have to be sacked.

Mr Fowler had been caught out in every lie he had told about the cuts. Even some of his most insensitive friends were beginning to desert him and *The Sun* newspaper said the policy was going in the wrong direction.

Dr Caroline Rogers, of Caerphilly, a junior hospital doctor, said that for the first time in the history of the service, doctors and nurses were facing direct action against their jobs, a situation the ancillary workers had faced since Mrs Thatcher was elected.

Hospitals were undermanned and could not afford the cuts. Party members, trade unionists and every family had to fight the cuts.

Mr Jack Ashley, MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, said the Conservatives only pretended to support the health service.

Mr Harry Ewing, MP for Falkirk East and an Opposition spokesman on health in Scotland, said that for every bed created in the private sector one would be closed in the NHS. The fight to safeguard the NHS was about patient care. Jobs were important but Labour would not win it on the argument of jobs. "We will win it only on the argument of patient care." Replying to the debate on behalf of the NEC, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, MP for Crewe and Nantwich and the Opposition spokesman on the health service, pledged that the Labour Party would lead a campaign now to protect the NHS.

She said that there were more than 770,000 people waiting for NHS treatment, the longest waiting list since the creation of the service.

There were something like 2,000 doctors on the dole. Junior doctors were working up to 80 hours a week. There were 8,800 nurses on the dole. Hospitals were desperately in need of those skills.

Delegates carried a resolution stating that the conference declared that the Labour Party would put health and the National Health Service in the forefront of its campaign against the Government and would further develop the party's policies to prevent illness, to create a healthy Britain and to expand the NHS.

It deplored the Government's policies of privatization and of encouraging private medicine.

New NEC likely to be fully loyal

From Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
Brighton

The trade unions were confident last night that Labour's new national executive committee would "deliver" effective support for the Kinnock-Hattersley party leadership.

There was considerable horse-trading for votes among the unions and the NEC elections went "exactly as we planned it", Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, said.

In a pact designed to produce a politically balanced executive, the Transport and General Workers' Union and the General and Municipal Workers Union agreed to vote for mutually acceptable candidates irrespective of hardline left-wing and right-wing "slates".

Miss Ann Clwyd, a moderate, and Mrs Renee Short from the "soft left" won seats under that arrangement.

After the results were declared, Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, general secretary of the TGWU, said: "I think it is a very good result. It is a very balanced executive and it will work very well. I think Neil Kinnock will be very satisfied".

Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said: "I think we will have a responsible NEC. What we want these people to do now is rally round the leadership and not have the hassle and vilification we have had in the past".

It was "all in all" an acceptable result, he added. The moderates had gained ten seats two years ago, but have lost only two this year, despite intense efforts by the "hard left" to reestablish their supremacy. "I feel that this could be a responsible NEC. Subsequent events will prove whether I am right."

Mr Clive Jenkins argued: "I think this will give Neil Kinnock a sensible left-centrist majority for sensible policies. It is exactly the way we planned it."

Estimates of the true political breakdown of the executive vary considerably, depending upon who is defining what is left. Moderate union sources suggest that the old centre-right grouping plus "soft left" supporters of Mr Kinnock can muster a small but workable majority on most policy matters.

That loyalty will be severely tested, however, on the crucial issue of defence. The left is still claiming that it can carry the day on a fundamentalist policy of unilateralism rather than the more flexible approach favoured by Mr Kinnock.

Mr William Sirs, the steelworkers' leader, said: "We do not want any extremism in the new NEC. We want it to follow the sort of policies that are now being outlined by Mr Kinnock, the policies of a thinking Labour Party that looks to the electorate and asks what they want from a Labour Government."

The makeup of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party after yesterday's elections is as follows:

Division 1 (trade unions)

Mr Alexander Kitson
Mr Sam McCluskie
Mr Neville Hough
Mr Ken Cure
Mr Alan Clarke
Mr Roy Evans
Mr Charles Turnock
Mr Tom Sawyer
Mr Alan Hadden
Mr Cyril Ambler
Mr Sydney Tierney
Mr Douglas Hoyle

Division 2 (socialist, Cooperative and other organizations).

Mr John Evans

Division 3 (constituency Labour parties).

Mr Wedgewood Benn
Mr Eric Heffer, MP
Mr Dennis Skinner, MP
Mr Michael Meacher, MP
Mr David Blunkett
Ms Jo Richardson, MP
Mrs Audrey Wise

Division 4 (women members).

Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP
Miss Ann Clwyd, MEP
Mrs Renée Short, MP
Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, MP
Miss Joan Maynard, MP

Union chiefs in pledge to oppose rail cuts

The leaders of the two main rail unions pledged themselves at the conference to fight together to save the British Rail network from further cuts.

Mr James Knapp, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR), moving a resolution, said that the unions would fight closures together.

His sentiments were echoed by Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef). He said: "I see the whole public transport system collapsing unless we do something about it. Hence the reason we join 100 per cent with our colleagues of the NUR and TSSA (the Transport Salaried Staff Association) and other public transport trade unions in bringing to your knowledge the disaster facing us

The first of the two resolutions, both of which were carried unanimously, condemned Conservative policy on transport and totally rejected the idea that public transport could be run on a free market philosophy. It condemned the Serpell Report on the future size of the Railway network, since cuts of the size envisaged would have devastating consequences.

The second, as well as condemning the Serpell Report, called on the next Labour government to restore cuts in spending on the railways and to proceed with the proper programme of investment in transport.

MPs went own way in leader vote

Labour MPs showed their independence from their constituency parties in the leadership election at Brighton, in spite of the threat of possible reselection as parliamentary candidates from the end of next year.

The computer print-out of leadership election voting showed that, of the 209 Labour MPs, 142 voted in a different way to that of their constituency parties.

The most common factor of disagreement was between constituency parties which voted for a Kinnock-Hattersley ticket, while their MPs voted for Mr Hattersley in both leadership and deputy leadership ballots. That applied in 31 cases.

There were another 21 MPs who went for the Kinnock-Hattersley ticket, while their constituencies voted Kinnock-Meacher, but for the remaining 90 constituencies which differed from their members, there were a wide variety of permutations which showed little pattern.

The main area of agreement between constituencies was on the winning Kinnock-Hattersley formula, which applied in 25 cases.

Altogether, 17 constituencies and MPs agreed on Kinnock-Meacher, 13 on Heffer-Meacher, eight on Hattersley-Hattersley and one constituency agreed with its MP on Kinnock-Denzil Davies.

The remaining three MPs, who were not recorded as having cast a vote, were Mr Robert Brown, Newcastle upon Tyne North; Mr Eric Deakins, Walthamstow, and Mr William Hamilton, Five Central.

The following constituency parties voted for Mr Eric Heffer in the leadership election:

Sunderland North; Sheffield, Brightside; Sheffield Central; Sheffield, Heeley; Bradford North; Leeds Central; Heywood and Middleton; Manchester, Gorton (2 votes); Stockport; Hyndburn; Pendle; Liverpool, Broadgreen; Liverpool, Garston; Liverpool, Riverside; Liverpool, Walton; Liverpool, West Derby (2 votes); St Helens South; Nottingham South; Coventry South East; Brent East; Hackney North and Stoke Newington (2 votes); Hammersmith; Tottenham; Hayes and Harlington; Kensington; Norwood (2 votes); Lewisham, Deptford; Bethnal Green and Stepney; Basingstoke; Chertsey and Walton; Isle of Wight; Bristol East; Bristol West; Poole; Cardiff Central; Edinburgh, Leith; Glasgow, Pollock.

The following constituency parties voted for Mr Roy Hattersley in the leadership election:

Wentworth; Hemsworth; Normanton; Pontefract and Castleford; Leigh; Birmingham, Ladywood; Birmingham, Small Heath; Birmingham, Sparkbrook; Meriden; Warley East; Beaconsfield; Neath.

No constituency party voted for Mr Peter Shore in the leadership election. One constituency, Nuneaton, abstained. The rest voted for Mr Kinnock.

Party may back down on housing

The Labour Party paved the way to revising its opposition towards the sale of council houses when it threw out a motion calling for the ending of the sales of council houses.

The motion also called for the building of a million homes a year, and the veteran Mr Frank Allaun, former MP for Salford East, making his farewell speech as a member of the Party's executive, said that to talk of that would make the party incredible. It was an impossible demand.

Mr Allaun, who said he had been coming to the conference every year since 1945, was given a standing ovation by delegates after he said the less they spent on arms the more they could housing.

He succeeded in persuading the building workers' union, the Union of construction Allied Trades and Technicians to remit its resolution because it was too hard on detail but undertook that immediately after the conference, the national executive would undertake wide consideration of policy on rented and private housing.

Instead of bashing owner occupiers they should restore the subsidy to council tenants, thus giving equality of terms to both. "We are not against owner-occupation," he said.

Mr Charles Kelly, Ucatt opening the debate, moved a composite motion deploring the destructive Conservative housing policy and reaffirming the right to a decent home at a reasonable cost.

The motion reaffirmed the view that the present right to by council houses was diminishing the best of local housing stock and creating cruel hardship for those seeking public rented accommodation but added that it "nevertheless recognizes that the party's policy of opposition to council house sales lost it valuable support in both the 1979 and 1983 general elections particularly insofar as the policy in 1983 was open to dishonest misrepresentation by our opponents".

The motion also called for replacement of the housing scheme with a fair system based on need.

Mr Kelly said that as construction companies stepped up sales drives there was scepticism about whether companies could produce homes at prices peoplem could afford to pay. Council rents had doubled and seemed set to double again during the second period of office of the present government.

The feeling which had grown up that because Labour was opposed to the right-to-buy provisions it was opposed to owner occupation, but that was clearly a misrepresentation, or, to be generous, a misunderstanding of the party's postion. They should reaffirm that home owners and tenants alike were entitled to decent housing standards.

In the motion they were not calling for an about-face on the right-to-buy issue and were saying explicitly that sales had compounded the difficulties of those on council waiting lists. The next Labour government would have a hard task to build up the stock of council houses. They must make it mandatory for councils to replace homes which they sold.

Miss Celia Lee, Lewisham East, said they had lost the election there because of housing problems, and 8,000 votes which should have gone to Labour had gone to Miss Polly Toynbee of the Alliance. They should go into the next election with a viable proposition, "put a decent roof over your head with Labour".

Miss Anne Wilkinson, Birkenhead, moved a composite motion calling for a campaign against cuts in housing and for reduced council rents, no rate increases, ending sales of council houses, to build a million homes a year, expand direct labour organizations, nationalize land, banks and financial institutions to ensure interest-free loans and a ready money supply, and for recognition of tenant's organizations as negotiating bodies on housing and housing finance issues.

She said that their policy had been to oppose council house sales, but it was being said that they had lost votes because of that and should rethink their policy. They had lost votes because they had allowed that policy to be misunderstood and misconstrued. It was not the policy which had lost votes, but inability to explain it and convince people of its validity.

The Conservatives were ensuring that people had to buy council houses because it was cheaper to buy than to rent, but the unemployed were having difficulty in paying rent and could not get the money for a mortgage.

Mr Noel Phelan, Oldham West, said the party must reaffirm its commitment to those who wanted the right to rent.

Mr Allan Roberts, MP for Bootle, said that the sale of council housing would not be an issue at the next election by which time they would have had enforced sales for nine years. Instead of arguing about they should consider the consequences and the crisis the sales were causing.

"We shall have ghetto welfare on the American model with the best houses sold off, growing waiting lists, increasing homelessness and housing stock deteriorating beyond repair, with slums unimproved and undemolished." They should help all to own their own homes if they wanted, or to rent homes if they wanted, at prices they could afford.

Mr Neil Liversidge, Elmet, opposed the Birkenhead motion. He said he had spent hours convincing people who wanted to buy their council houses that they should still vote Labour. Their housing policy must be sincere, libertarian and egalitarian. The next Labour government must build sufficient houses to eradicate waiting lists. They should expand the building industry and let people buy if they wanted to.

"Property ownership is one of the best defences of working people against governments like the scum we are saddled with now. If we are really the party of the people we must seek to fulfill their hopes and aspirations. If not, we are nothing and do not exist and do not deserve to exist."

Today's debates

This morning the conference will debate defence, Iran, the Middle East, and Central America, and this afternoon unemployment, low pay and the minimum wage, and privatization and public ownership.

Labour will fight to keep GLC

Indemnity is promised to rebel councillors

A future Labour government would indemnify local Labour councillors defendfing local government, Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton and speaking for the executive, said during a debate on local government, in which he called for a campaign inside and outside Parliament against the Government's onslaught on local authorities.

The conference agreed resolutions calling on the executive oppose abolition of the Greater London Council the Inner London Education Authority and the Metropolitan county councils and to support the right of local authorities to decide the level of spending and quality of services in their areas, but rejected a more radical motion calling for no increases in rates, rents and charges for services and no redundancies.

Mr David Blunkett, leader of the Sheffield City Council, told the conference that Mrs Margaret Thatcher was giving more credance to socialism in local government than regrettably the Labour Party had given it for many years.

"Thatcher has paid a tribute to Labour local government," Mr Blunkett said. "She is actually starting to treat and believe that Labour local government is an



Mr Gerald Kaufman: 'Thatcher attempting confidence trick'.

important obstacle to her restructuring of the economic and social life of our communities."

Mr Blunkett was moving the Sheffield Hillsborough motion instructing the party's national executive committee to give every possible support to local authorities "fighting to retain long-held freedoms to decide democratically the level of spending and quality of services" in their areas.

The motion called on the executive to back local authorities' right to raise a rate to cover their expenditure and urged Labour-controlled councils collectively to resist curbs on local authority spending.

Miss Valerie Wise, Tooting, a GLC councillor, told delegates the Conservatives wanted to crush all areas of opposition. She moved a motion condemning government proposals to abolish the GLC, the Inner London Education Authority and other metropolitan county councils and to establish a new body to run London Transport.

The Conservatives intended to replace the threatened authorities with joint boards and quangos, Miss Wise said. These would be unelected, unaccountable and throughly undemocratic.

The most radical of the three local government motions came from Liverpool West Derby and called for a campaign to oppose cuts in services or job losses. Local authorities should not increase domestic rates to make up for cuts, rents and charges for services frozen and no staff made redundant.

Mr Phil Rowe, moving the Liverpool motion, said the days were gone when rates were merely a minor nuisance and could be increased whenever necessary. Rates were a crippling burden for many families.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP for Manchester, Gorton, and chief Labour spokesman on the environment said Mrs Thatcher had broken her solemn pledge, to abolish rates, like she had broken so many other pledges. She was trying to conceal the cynical breach of faith by attempting a confidence trick on the British people.

Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, replying to the debate for the executive, said the mood of the party and the trade unions was that the onslaught on local government must be resisted and fought in the strongest possible way. Labour needed a united campaign, led from the top.

The executive accepted without any question the Tooting and Sheffield, Hillsborough, resolutions. He and the executive understood the views expressed in the Liverpool, West Kirby motion. Most of it they supported, but they believed in a united campaign, and if they accepted that motion in its present context it could only be put into operation if there was a Labour government that could meet the money that would be required. It could not be made at the present moment precisely because there was a Conservative government. Therefore the executive recommended rejection.

The executive statement and the Tooting resolution were agreed unanimously. The Sheffield resolution was agreed overwhelmingly, and the Liverpool resolution was lost.

General strike paralyses Argentina on brink of foreign debt disaster

From Andrew Thompson, Buenos Aires

Argentina was brought to a standstill yesterday by the 24-hour general strike called by the two union confederations. Coming hard on the heels of the arrest of Señor Julio Ganzález del Solar, the president of the Central Bank, and during a foreign payments crisis, the strike has increased concern at a growing power vacuum just over three weeks before the October 30 general election.

The trade unions had been threatening to call a strike since the middle of last month, but with the top leaders closely associated with the Peronist Party's electoral campaign, they did not want to rock the boat so soon before the polls.

Their hand was finally forced by a spectator spread of unofficial and partial strikes late last month. Worried that they would loose the initiative, the union leaders pressed for the promised monthly wage increase of 12 per cent to be increased to 17 per cent, and for two earlier bonuses paid by the Government to be consolidated into the basic wage rate.

They also wanted wage increases in the last three months of the year to outstrip inflation by three percentage points.

Despite last minute efforts to avert the strike, the Government was unable to meet the demands.

Transport in the main cities, the key to the success of the strike, ground to a halt at midnight on Monday. First indications yesterday were that the strike was 90 per cent effective, with only a few retail outlets open. Traffic in Buenos Aires was comparable with that on holidays or Sundays.

The Government, meanwhile, has a big political and foreign debt crisis on its hands. Señor Gonzälez del Solar was arrested on the orders of Judge Federico Pinto Kramer, from a federal court in the provincial city of Rio Gallegos, in Patagonia.

The judge held that Argentine law was broken by an agreement to reschedule the $220m (about £147m) debts of Aerolinas Argentinas, the state airline, which was signed in New York by the Central Bank president and other officials.

The Aerolineas agreement was intended as "pilot" for the renegotiation of the debts of 31 other state companies, totalling approximately $7,500m.

The judge has frozen all these negotiations, which are vital to the overall rescheduling of the estimated $40,000m foreign debt. As a result, creditor banks have issued a new deadline of October 17 for Argentina to resolve its financial chaos. The Central Bank has put a stop to almost all foreign currency remittances, and the country is on the brink of defaulting.

Judge Pinto Kramer is known to have the support of the nationalist sector of the Air Force. Ranged against him are the Army and Navy leadership. Admiral Ruben Franco, the Navy commander, made his position clear by saying that cessation of payments could be catastrophic. A meeting of the military junta is due tomorrow, and there is likely to be a heated dispute over the crisis.

The opponents of Judge Pinto Kramer accuse him of taking an openly political stance. His objections to the extraneous jurisdiction clause in the debt renegotiation contracts is considered a mistaken interpretation of Argentine law.

Under this clause the borrower accepts the jurisdiction of New York state courts in any dispute over non-payment. Nationalist sectors say this affects national sovereignty. Their opponents point out that Argentina has accepted this clause in the past, and imposed it on other countries to which it has lent money.

Marcos accepts Reagan rebuff

From David Watts
Manila

President Marcos resigned himself to a vote of no confidence from President Reagan last night, in response to the cancellation of the Lattin's visit to the Philippines.

Dropping the agitated tone of his recent comments, President Marcos contented himself with publishing the contents of recent letters exchanged between the two leaders. President Reagan's letter was in reply to one from Mr Marcos sent on September 29, in which he assured Mr Reagan of the "safety and tranquillity" of his forthcoming visit.

He acknowledged the "irresistible force" of the experience which Mrs Nancy Reagan went through at the time of the attempt on the President's life, saying how much be and his wife, Imelda, adored Mrs Reagan.

If it were not possible to make the trip, President Marcos said, he would look forward to reinvigorating the relationship between the two countries at a later date.

President Reagan's reply was delivered by hand by the presidential assistant, Mr Michael Deavers, on Monday. Despite protestations to the contrary, the President clearly indicated that concern for his safety was the overriding reason for the cancellation. "I have always had confidence in your ability to handle things", the President said.

Officially, though, the White House maintained that pressure of congressional business would preclude the visit.

In cancelling the whole of the south-east Asian portion of his tour, President Reagan has Avoided the embarrassment that would have resulted from excluding the Philippines only, or from making a visit which uld certainly have been turned into a big anti-Marcos protest.

The Americans were plainly shocked by the turnout of some two million people for the funeral of the assassinated opposition politician, Benigno Aquino; the subsequent rioting in which 10 people died and hundreds were injured; and the continuing unrest against the Government which President Marcos has not yet been able fully to contain, despite 100 arrests.

The leader of the fragmented opposition, Mr Salvador Laurel, had threatened the Government that a million protesters would take to the streets if the visit went ahead, and that was clearly no idle threat.

In the event, though, the cancellation has drawn a mixed reaction from the opposition, business leaders and private citizens. Predictably, the radical opposition is delighted.

Mr Agapito Aquino, brother of the dead politician, said: "We are very grateful that President Reagan listens to Nancy". He added a warning that President Marcos would now crack down on the opposition but that said that they were ready for it.

More thoughtful opposition politicians and even some of the business community regretted that the visit had been called off.

A human rights lawyer said: "We have lost a chance to show the world that Reagan's boy has lost his ability to govern. But nonetheless the message is clear. Reagan has cancelled his visit because Marcos is no longer in control."

Put out no flags: Philippines government workers packing away banners that were to have decked the streets of Manila for President Reagan's cancelled visit.

Man in the news

Mejia gives election pledge

From Christopher Thomas, Guatemala City

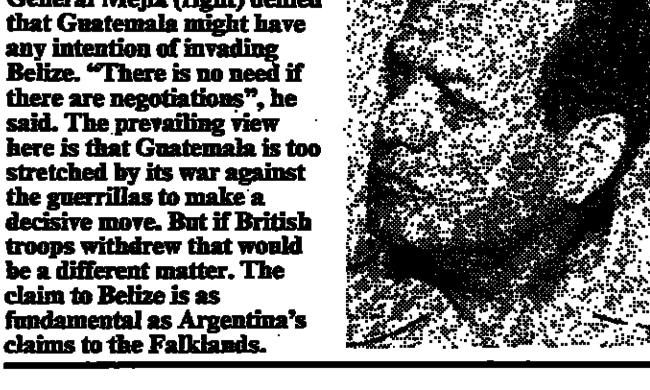
General Oscar Mejia Victores, who was compelled by fellow officers against his will to assume power in Guatemala in a palace coup two months ago, pledged in his first interview in the ornate presidential residence to pave the way for civilian rule by 1985.

The portly general, who is 53, unsmiling, short, a heavy smoker, said that he would then retire altogether from the military. "It has been a long time, a long career. It has been enough", he declared.

But the question being asked by Guatemalan politicians is whether the general will last long enough for elections to be held. It is feared that a military successor might not be so committed.

'No invasion of Belize'

General Mejia (right) denied that Guatemala might have any intention of invading Belize. "There is no need if there are negotiations", he said. The prevailing view here is that Guatemala is too stretched by its war against the guerrillas to make a decisive move. But if British troops withdrew that would be a different matter. The claim to Belize is as fundamental as Argentina's claims to the Falklands.



General Mejia said that there would be an election to a constituent assembly next July. It would take eight or nine months to produce a constitution and by September, 1985 the country ought to be ready for government by an elected civilian president.

But, he indicated, if the constituent assembly moved fast enough civilian rule could conceivably occur in 1984, a scenario scoffed at by diplomatic observers. It is widely felt that important sectors of the Army are jealous of their power; if the general tries to move too quickly he will be ousted.

The overriding impression is that Guatemala, a critically important country in US strategy in Central America, is without decisive leadership. Washington is anxious to find a politically acceptable argument for the resumption of military aid, which President Carter suspended in 1977 because of human rights violations.

That would help to establish a secure environment and also give the US some leverage on the regime to move towards free elections.

According to a wide range of politicians and diplomats interviewed in Guatemala City, there have been substantial improvements, although there are still abuses. Strenuous propaganda efforts are being conducted by the regime to persuade an estimated 10,000 Guatemalan refugees in southern Mexico to return home.

"They have nothin to fear", a senior army officer said. "Things have changed. The ıerrillas have been beaten back. The people can come safely home."

General Mejia abruptly dismissed claims by Senator Edward Kennedy and other leading US Congressmen that the Reagan administration's Central American policy was leading America into war in the region. "He is talking about an area he does not know very well. I do not think he has ever been in Central America", the general said.

He claimed that substantial progress had been made in defeating left-wing guerrillas in Guatemala. He introduced a 90-day amnesty a week after taking power for guerrillas who wanted to lay down their arms and return to their villages. So far, 10,000 had taken advantage of the offer.

Communists recant on Iran TV

Tehran (Reuter) – Jailed leaders of Iran's outlawed communmist Tudeh party have appeared on television to denounce party activities over the past 40 years.

The 19, including Mr Nureddin Kianuri, the Tudeh Secretary-General, have been in prison for between four and eight months awaiting trial, and several had already confessed on television to spying for the Soviet Union.

In a 90-minute programme on Monday night, chaired by Mr Muhammad Ali Amo'i, a central committee member, six of them confessed to a long history of attempts to promote Russian interests in Iran, including fomenting dissent in Kurdish areas.

The Tudeh Party, founded in 1941 when Soviet forces occupied northern Iran, worked underground for most of the reign of the late Shah, but came into the open with the Islamic Revolution.

The party backed Ayatollah Khomeini, and when the first leaders were arrested last February, it was the only sizeable non-religious political organization still operating openly.

In May, after Mr Kianuri confessed on television to spying for Moscow, Iranian authorities banned the party and arrested more of its followers. They also expelled 18 Soviet diplomats on charges of interfering in Iran's internal affairs.

Monday night's programme was billed as the first in a series, with others of the 19-member group to speak later. Those who spoke appeared in reasonable health, but their voices were husky and the hands of one, Mr Ali Galavij, trembled as he read a prepared statement about the party's role in inciting Kurdish tribesmen.

Mr Galavij urged Kurdish rebels and young Tudeh supporters in Kurdistan to "stretch out your hands in union and agreement towards this republic and take the hand of the Iman Khomeini and be sure that the republic will heal your pains".

Three of the leaders denied suggestions that they had been tortured in prison. Mr Kianuri, referring to a report published by an exile group in June saying he had been executed, said his confessions had not been made under threat of death.

"As you see I was not executed and I am here among you now....the fact is that I made confessions in my previous interviews only after my full encounter with the realities of our time", he said.

The statements in Monday night's programme were less startling than others broadcast in the past, which dwelt at length on active espionage by Tudeh members and said the party knew of an Iraqi plan to overthrow the Iranian Government in 1980.

There is still no firm date for the trial of jailed Tudeh members, incuding Captain Bahram Afzali, a former Iranian Navy commander.

UN chief's Cyprus initiative founders as mood hardens

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

After briefly raising expectations for a Cyprus settlement, the latest in a long line of initiatives by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, appears to have foundered, bringing efforts back to square one.

UN officials say the intransigence that has prevented a solution has not lessened, despite signs that a settlement could have sprung from the Cyprus Government's internal struggles.

Disagreement over the UN initiative recently resulted in the resignation of Mr Nicos Rolandis, the Foreign Minister.

Both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot sides are seen to be equally unwilling to compromise. This assessment follows several meetings last week between Señor Pérez de Cuéllar and President Kyprianou of Cyprus and between the Secretary-General and Mr Rauf Denktash, leader of the Turkish Cypriot community.

UN officials say the Turkish Cypriots have rejected out of hand "soundings" about a solution.

The Greek Cypriot side has accepted the Secretary-General's methods but not the substance of his suggestions on power sharing and territorial division. The Greek Cypriot response was in diplomatic language, but was tantamount to rejection.

The Secretary-General is understood to be exasperated by the attitudes of both sides. He had what was described as a violent session last week with Mr Ilter Turkmen, the Turkish Foreign Minsiter.

Mr Denktash has not made matters easier by announcing over the weekend a proposal for a meeting with Mr Kyprianou, in the knowledge that it would not be accepted.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is also said to be displeased by the inability of President Kyprianou to break away from the grip of Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minsiter, who has given priority to Turkish withdrawal, the way his initiative has become part of Cypriot political intrigue also irks the Secretary-General.

In a speech before the General Assembly on Monday President Kyprianou said a radical change in the attitude of the Turkish side was demanded for there to be any hope for progress.

He said that since Turkey's invasion of the north of the island, attempts has been made to consolidate the division with the settlement of thousands of Turks, the forced expulsion of Greek Cypriots and replacement of the Cypriot currency with the Turkish lira.

Cyprus had agreed to a solution based on a federation of the two communities.



Kirkpatrick wants Unesco funds cut

The US ambassador to the United Nations, Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick (above), urged Congress yesterday to cut payments to certain UN programmes, but said the total US contribution to the organization's budget should remain stable, (Reuter reports from Washington).

The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) would be an appropriate target for cuts because it was poorly managed and sponsored activities contrary to American principles, she said.

Bonn seeks reason for death blast

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

The West German Army has begun an urgent inquiry into the grenade explosion at a training exercise that left two soldiers dead and wounded 25 spectators, 15 of them severely, including a Christian Democrat MP.

The accident happened on Monday at Münsingen, where 800 civilian and military observers had been invited to watch firing exercises by the Bundeswehr. A mortar grenade exploded only 20ft from a group of spectators seated in a truck. The blast left a crater six feet across. One lieutenant was killed instantly and a second soldier died later in hospital.

Helicopters arrived swiftly at the scene, where the ground was spattered with blood and human flesh, and took the severely wounded to hospitals in Ulm. An emergency operation was carried out on Herr Fritz Wittmann, a Munich MP, whose life yesterday was said to be no longer in danger. Another victim, however, was still on the critical list.

Herr Manfred Wörner, the Defence Minister, flew to Müsingen, with General Meinhardt Glanz, inspector-general of the Army. Herr Wörner expressed his sympathy and shock at the accident, apparently caused by human error

Judge starts inquiry on Agca claim

From Peter Nichols
Rome

Mr Sergei Antonov, the Bulgarian airline official alleged to have been involved in the attempt on the Pope's life, in May, 1981, is out of solitary confinement for the first time since his arrest nearly a year ago.

His isolation was ended after Dr Ilario Materlla, the investigating judge, decided to open an inquiry into the alleged slander of Mr Antonov by Ali Agca, the Turk who shot at the Pope in the attempted assassination.

Agca told the Italian authorities that Mr Antonov, with members of the Bulgarian Embassy, took part in the plot against the Pope. He also maintained that the Bulgarians had plotted with him to kill Mr Lech Walesa, the leader of Solidarity.

The formal notice to Agca that an inquiry into slander has been opened against him does not specify what he is supposed to have said or in what connexion. It is understood, however, that the supposed slander arose from something he said regarding the Walesa case and not that concerning the Pope. Nevertheless, if the charge is proved, Agca's credibility will be seriously called into question.

Danes facing another dose of austerity

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

At the state opening of the Folketing, the Danish Parliament, yesterday, Mr Poul Schluter, the Conservative Prime Minister, promised another powerful dose of economic austerity, including more cuts in social welfare and partial privatization of the health service.

Unveiling the programme of his 13-month-old Conservative-Liberal-led minority coalition Government, he called for parliamentary support for a five-point growth and modernization plan designed to sustain Denmark's slow recovery.

The programme aims to promote industrial investment, production and competiveness and provide incentives to raise capital and encourage more shareholding. Taxation reforms for both individuals and business are envisaged.

Private health insurance schemes for the well-to-do are to ease the burden on unemployment benefits and the health service.

In it's first year in office, the Government has cut inflation from 10 per cent to 6 per cent, almost halved the balance of payments deficit, kept pay rises to a 4 per cent annual ceiling, cut domestic interest rates drastically and stabilized the kroner, at the cost an unemployment rate of more than 10 per cent.

Mr Schluter intends to cut the budget deficit from this year's forecast 63,000m kroner (£4,500m) to 59,000m kroner next year. He also plans to eliminate the trade deficit within four years.

Travel ban on bishop

Johannesburg (Reuter, AFP) – Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches and an outspoken critic of the country's racial policies, said yesterday that he had again been barred from travelling abroad.

He said an application for permission to attend a meeting in Geneva sponsored by the United Nations and a session of the Africa-America Institute in the United States was rejected. No reasons were given. "I've lost track of how many times this year they've denied me permission to travel."

The Rev Barry Matthews, aged 37, a British-born Anglican priest, has been given until today to leave South Africa. The government refused to renew his residence permit without saying why.

Prisoners freed as Uganda marks independence

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

President Obote of Uganda has ordered the release of 2,100 prisoners and detainees as part of the celebrations on Sunday to mark 21 years of independence.

Many have already been freed from the main prison at Luzira, near Kampala. Most are short-term prisoners, but there are also former members of Idi Amin's army who surrendered when he was ousted in 1979.

Others were detained in big round-ups of suspected supporters of anti-government guerrilla groups early this year, but were never charged.

At the weekend the main ceremony will be at Kololo airstrip, in Kampala, where President Obote (then Prime Minister) received the instruments of independence from the Duke of Kent in 1962.

In another development, President Obote has appointed the only Briton in the prisons service, Mr William Kirkham, to supervise relief operations in the Luwero area, where an estimated 100,000 people are homeless after the Army launched an offensive against guerrillas to the north of Kampala earlier this year.

Mr Kirkham was deputy Prisons Commissioner in the 1960s but left after Idi Amin took power. He came back and was reappointed

Red faces in the Kremlin

Gromyko's UN absence leaves Moscow isolated

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Moscow's decision not to send Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, to the UN General Assembly here seems to have backfired.

Although his absence had the immediate effect of making the United States seem an ungracious host, Russia now finds itself isolated from the intense bilateral activity which precedes every Assembly session.

It means it is excluded from ministerial meetings on a variety of topics, ranging from Afghanistan, to disarmament to Lebanon, and is forced to get information about the session second-hand. Discussions about East-West relations are being held without one of the major players.

The importance and urgency of the meetings depends largely on events in the field, and they can either turn into major strategy sessions or simply an exchange of ideas. They provide the personal contact which is believed to be invaluable.

The most vigorous area of diplomatic activity this time has been the Middle East where Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, for example, has had the benefit of direct high-level persuasion from the West, but none from Moscow.

While Mr Gromyko has spared himself the embarrassment of international chastening over the Korean airliner, he is unable privately to get across the Soviet point on a number of key topics.

Diplomats agree that the initial outrage has dissipated. Mr Gromyko's presence and private assurances could have gone far to alleviate some of the fears harboured by the international community over the thinking which dominates the Soviet system.

Mr Oleg Troyanovsky, the head of the Soviet delegation, is the Permanent Representative to the UN. He was expected to address the Assembly late yesterday, but it would hardly have the same effect as a statement last week by President Reagan.

The Russian delegation has been enlarged with diplomats who arrived from Moscow earlier this month, but they are specialists brought in to cope with the plenary and committee meetings which will continue until December.

Mr Troyanovsky, like Mr Gromyko in the past, was expected to focus his speech on disarmament, with special emphasis on the Russian proposal to ban anti-satellite weaponry.

Russia warns Nato against deployment

Moscow (AP) – Russia yesterday warned that the deployment of Nato missiles in Europe would threaten the medium-range arms reduction talks (INF) in Geneva.

Tass, the official news agency, also said Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, gave a "grossly distorted view" of the INF prospects by claiming that deployment would actually change the Soviet wiew in Geneva.

"The assertions by the US Defence Secretary that the deployment of new American missiles would help solve the problems discussed at the *current Geneva talks* are an attempt to mislead the public", said Mr Vladimir Bogachev, a Tass military analyst.

"By deploying its missiles, the American side would actually knock the ground from under the talks", he said. Mr Bogachev also repeated two warnings often sounded in recent days: that deployment will not force Soviet concessions at the arms talks and that Moscow's "first and most important" reaction will be to instal new missiles of its own, including ones which would threaten "the territory of the USA itself".

Nato plans to deploy 572 Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe, starting in December, unless there is an agreement in Geneva which would cut the Soviet arsenal of 351 European-based SS20s.

As the deployment approaches, Russia has been stepping up it propaganda campaign against the Nato missiles. Some observers believe it is directed mainly at European public opinion, especially in West Germany.

Earlier, *Pravda*, the Communist Party daily, published an editorial which rejected point-by-point President Reagan's latest arms proposals.

Pravda made it clear the Kremlin is sticking to its *primary demands in Geneva*: that an agreement include scrapping of the Nato deployment plan and that the 162 British and French missiles be included in any accord. The Nato allies, led by the United States, have rejected both demands.

● BRUSSELS: A Top Nato panel meets this week to finalize a review of the role of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe which could lead to big cuts in the present stockpile (Reuter reports).

The high-level group is studying whether Nato still needs all the 6,000 nuclear warheads it has in Western Europe.

EEC fishing quota talks near deadlock

From Ian Murray
Luxembourg

EEC fisheries ministers were heading for deadlock last night after two almost fruitless days negotiation and bartering here over who should have the right to fish herring from the North Sea.

The herring quotas have been in dispute ever since the fisheries were reopened after a six-year ban in June. For want of agreement on the quotas, the complicated Common Fisheries Policy agreed last January after seven difficult years of negotiation is still to be properly carried out.

In the end the ministers rejected an ingenious Commission paper designed to reward countries, like Britain, that police their catch, and to penalize countries, like Denmark, that are suspected of serious over-fishing.

Britain signalled that it was prepared to accept the paper as the basis for negotiations, but other delegations, notably West Germany, Holland and Denmark, said there were big faults in it. "If other countries want to pull it to bits, we can play that game just as well", a British spokesman said.

It argued that if the countries honoured their quotas there would be plenty of fish for everyone by 1987. Then as the stock grew, there would be extra for countries, particularly Denmark, that need the catch to supply the fertilizer industry.

For conservation reasons the Commission intends to stick to its arguments. It has now recruited the first six inspectors of the 13 it needs to run an inspectorate for the CFP, and they are to start work later this month. The aim is to stamp *quickly* on countries of overfishing, to give the CFP credibility.

But the failure to reach agreement on herring quotas means that there is less and less hope of putting the CFP fully into operation this year. It also means that British fisherment are unlikely to agree to be bound by any quotas which may eventually be agreed by ministers, since it is now far too late in the season to start imposing levels which, for some species, have already been reached.

Socialists boycott a birthday party

From Diana Geddes
Paris

All the surviving political leaders of the last quarter of a century of France's history were there in the grandiose Salle des Fêtes of the Paris City Hall yesterday for the twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Fifth Republic – with the glaring exception of any member of the present Government.

The Socialists had decided to boycott what they saw as a political operation mounted by the right. So the six surviving former prime ministers of the Fifth Republic – M Raymond Barre, M Jacques Chirac, M Pierre Messmer, M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, M Maurice Couve de Murville and M Michel Debré, the one surviving former President, M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, and hundreds of their friends and supporters went ahead without them.

In his letter refusing the invitation by M Chirac, leader of the Gaullist RPR party and Mayor of Paris, to attend the celebrations, M Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, explained that the Fifth Republic was "born in the midst of controversies which, at the time, divided the country".

Fortunately, the 1981 presidential election had enabled those divisions to be overcome, demonstrating the support of the whole country for the institutions of the Fifth Republic, M Mauroy said. It was therefore all the more important "to avoid any kind of partisan ceremony which might give rise to misunderstanding".

The present Socialist Party has never accepted what it regarded as the illegitamate seizure of power by General De Gaulle in 1958, or the constitution that followed, which was drawn up in cooperation with virtually ever political faction at the time, including the main Socialist group, and approved in a referendum by 79 per cent of the people.

Only the Communists, a left-wing Socialist splinter group and a small centre-left party led by M Francois Mitterrand refused to endorse it.

In opposition, the present Socialist Party, founded by M Mitterrand in 1972, was particularly critical of what it believed to be the excessive powers of the President. However, since taking office it has made no attempt to amend the constitution.



M Jacques Chirac, Mayor of Paris (left), welcoming former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing to yesterday's twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations of the Fifth Republic.

"The institutions of the Fifth Republic were not made for me, but they fit me very well", President Mitterrand is reported as saying.

M Lionel Jospin, first secretary of the Socialist Party, said in a television interview earlier this week that the Socialists "had not voted for the constitution, but respect it because it exists. It was made against us, but in the end it has come to serve us in a certain way."

President Mitterrand had a legitimate excuse for missing yesterday's celebrations, as he was tied up with the Franco-African summit in Vittel. But other Socialists did not seek to hide their outright hostility to M Chirac's little show.

"The anniversary of the Fifth Republic cannot be hijacked by the president of the RPR party, who himself refused to celebrate the anniversary of the great French Revolution of 1789", M Pierre Joxe, leader of the Socialist group in the National Assembly, said in reference to M Chirac's refusal to allow the planned 200th anniversary celebration of the revolution to take place in Paris.

"We've got better things to do than take any part in this kind of party political operation", he said.

In their speeches at the ceremony, M Chirac, M Debré and M Giscard were all careful not to make direct reference to the Socialist's absence. But M Chirac had earlier condemned their "unworthy and tactless" action, and M Giscard did not shy away from the taking the opportunity to launch fresh attack on the Socialist Government's record.

"To take unpopular measures, if they are necessary, is one thing", the former President said. "To govern against *the profound sentiments of* the country is another. The continuous accumulation of taxes, the threat to a free choice of schools, the lack of clear rules concerning relations between French nationals and foreigners – these are all things which shock three out of four French people. *The Government is* heading for severe disappointment by ignoring this reality."

M Giscard went on to call for a reform of the constitution to shorten the President's term of office from the present seven years (five years has been suggested); to extend the use of referendums to cover important *social issues* as well as *purely* constitutional matters; and to require a majority vote of both houses of Parliament on matters affecting fundamental constitutional principles such as individual rights – at present, the Upper House can be overridens on most issues after a third reading in the Lower House.

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Harare exodus of whites growing

Harare (AP) – Zimbabwe has had one of its worst months of white emigration since independence, according to figures published yesterday.

In July, the last month recorded, 1,960 people left the country, or 545 more than the previous month. Statistics do not specify the race of emigrants, but immigration officials said that most of them were whites.

The white population, at a peak of 276,000 in the mid-1970s, is now believed to stand about at about 140,000. According to official records, 64,249 people have left the country since independence.

Most whites left Rhodesia before independence, during the seven-year war against black guerrillas. At independence, Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, pledged a policy of reconciliation between blacks and whites.

But by the end of 1980 Zimbabwe had lost 14,296 emigrants – an average of 1,588 a month. That average increased to 1,711 a month the following year, dropped to 1,495 a month last year and to 1,257 a month in the first nine months of this year.

Drug ring said to own islands

Atalanta (Reuter) – An American businessman has been charged with heading a drug smuggling operation alleged to have bought five Caribbean islands north of Cuba as staging posts for shipping cocaine and marijuana into the United States.

Tilton Lamar Chester of Cleveland, Georgia, was named on 36 counts in a federal indictment, which also alleges that Lance Eisenberg, a Miami Tax lawyer, was a leader of the operation.

Daughter jailed for death order

Salt Lake City (Reuter) – Mrs Frances Schreuder, a New York socialite and patron of the arts, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of her millionaire father. Her 22-year-old son, Marc, is already serving a sentence of five years to life for shooting her father, Franklyn Bradshaw, here in 1978.

The prosecution alleged that Mrs Schreuder, who is 45, told her son to kill his 78-year-old grandfather, a car parts manufacturer and oil investor, after learning that she had been cut out of his will.

Naples quake

Naples (AFP) – One person died and more than a dozen were hurt in a strong earthquake between Naples and Puzzuoli. The most serious damage was reported from Puzzuoli, where the hospital had to be evacuated because of structural damage.

Peking guest

Peking (Reuter) – Mr Leonid Ilyichov, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, arrived here for a third round of talks aimed at *normalizing relations* with China after a two-decade freeze. He shook hands warmly with Mr Qian Qichen, his Chinese counterpart.

Filibuster bid

Washington (NYT) – Senator Jesse Helms started a filibuster in Congress against a Bill to make Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday. The North Carolina Republican said the civil rights leader had followed a philosophy of "action-oriented Marxism not compatible with the concepts of America."

Relics stolen

Paola, Italy (AP) – Thieves stole relics and a statue of St Francis of Paola from the chapel of the southern Italian sanctuary named after him. A ransom demand is expected.

Air strike

Sydney (Reuter) – A 48-hour strike by Australian domestic airline pilots over a new tax on lump sum payments grounded most internal flights, hitting the two main domestic airlines, Trans Australia and Ansett.

Soldiers hurt

Benediktbeuren, (AP) – A US Army helicopter carrying Green Berets to mountain training crashed in the Bavarian Alps, injuring all 10 soldiers on board.

Murder charge

Gaborone, Botswana (AFP) – Wellia Matheadira Seboni, a former executive director of the African Development Bank, appeared in court here charged with murdering a lawyer, Mr Bruno Mbutho.

Odd man out

Lynchburg, Virginia (AFP) – Invited by computer error to a dinner for supporters of the Rev Jerry Falwell, leader of the right-wing Moral Majority, liberal Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy insisted on turning up and told fellow guests that "nobody has a monopoly on truth".

Snipers attack in Beirut as ceasefire body meets

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Sniper fire continued yesterday in several parts of Beirut as efforts to get national reconciliation talks under way remained stalled.

Lebanese Army positions in the west Beirut neighbourhoods of Kaskas and Chatila were hit for the second consecutive day by smallarms fire from Shia Muslim militias. Sniper fire was also reported in residential sections of the city's southern suburbs.

However, the ceasefire that began on September 26 held overall and the four-man military committee set up to keep fighting in check met for the sixth time.

At the military committee's request, International Red Cross workers travelled to the mountain towns of Aitat and Kaifoun to retrieve the bodies of people killed in the three weeks of sectarian fighting that preceded the truce.

The Red Cross team hau earlier been prevented by sniper fire from reaching the areas.

In another development yesterday, Mr Robert McFarlane, the special United States Middle East envoy, returned to Beirut after visits to Italy and Israel. He plans talks in Lebanon to help to secure the ceasefire and to get political leaders to agree on procedures for the national reconciliation conference.

An-Nahar, the independent Beirut newspaper, reported that the first session of the reconciliation meeting would be held tomorrow in Saudi Arabia. The report could not be confirmed.

The government of President Gemayel has been pressing for Saudia Arabia as the site of the first meeting, which is to bring together Christian, Muslim and Druze leaders for a discussion on the future division of power

Syria has objected to a Saudi Arabian site, preferring the Arab League headquarters in Tunis.

Jumblatt in Athens talks

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Walid Jumblatt, the controversial Druze leader, saw Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, last night, but a Greek Government spokesman hastened to make it clear that Mr Papandreou was not acting for the EEC presidency.

Greece would like to play a more active role in peace efforts in Lebanon, but its nine Community partners have discouraged any Greek initiatives – the first time the EEC presidency has not been given a specific Middle East mandate.

This reluctance reflects doubts about Greek impartiality in the matter as a result of Athen's refusal to authorize the use of Greek airports to airlift supplies for the multinational peace force in Lebanon, and its tendency to treat the present Lebanese Government as just one of the warring factions.

Also, the Greek Government's commitment in favour of Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, has raised questions about its attitude towards Mr Jumblatt's Surian-backed Druze militia, which is hostile to Mr Arafat.

Mr Jumblatt was spirited away from Athens airport by Greek foreign ministry officials on his arrival from Damascus on Monday. He had a one-hour talk with Mr Karolos Papolias, the under-secretary for Arab affairs, yesterday.

Shamir puts off vote on coalition

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Inister designate, deferred presenting his new Government to Parliament until next week, and yesterday made efforts, to accommodate reluctant coalition deputies in order to ensure a majority. He would otherwise risk defeat in a confidence veto this week.

In an eight-hour meeting with deputies of the orthodox Agudat Yisrael party in Jerusalem, Mr Shamir and Cabinet colleagues were reported to have dealt point by point with concession to the religious party, which had been included in the old coalition agreement but which the party claimed had not been implemented.

A participant in the meeting said that the party had received a signed undrtaking from Mr Shamir that all outstanding matters wold be dealt with.

Six other coalition deputies who had threatened no to vote this week for Mr Shamir's narrow coalition because they favoured a broad national government, indicated yesterday that at least some of them would support the Government next week.

Harley Street doctor held

Dr Peter Stephan, of Harley Street, said yesterday he was "completely surprised and shocked" that his colleague of 10 years, Dr Brian "Dick" Richards, 52, (right) is being held in Los Angeles fo allegedly soliciting his murder.

Speaking at his clinic, Dr Stephan, reputed to be a millionaire, confirmed that according to his will Dr Richards would inherit their practice, where they specialize in sexual therapy and treatment of the sexual disease herpes.

"I am completely stunned by this," he said. "If you asked me to name the last person in the world who would want to kill me, it would be Dick."

Dr Stephan said he had last seen his partner before he left for the US on a working holiday on September 15.

Dr Richards was held at Malibu sherriff's department jail in lieu of $500,000 bail after a week-long investigation that began when a man reported that he had been offered money at a Malibu beachside restaurant to kill Dr Stephan.

Quinn release ordered

From Our Correspondent, San Francisco

A judge in San Francisco yesterday ordered the release on October 11 of Mr William Quinn, an alleged former member of the IRA wanted in Britain in commixion with the 1975 murder of a London policeman.

Judge Robert Aguilar on Monday overturned an extradition order on the 35-year-old American citizen, ruling that the policeman's killing was committed in the course of a political uprising.

But the US Attorney's office in San Francisco, acting for the British Govrnment, say that it will take steps to keep Mr Quinn in prison, and will appeal.

Mr John Gibbon, chief assistant US Attorney, said that the order of habeas corpus on Mr Quinn was "ridiculous". The appeal is to go to the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Palme faces revolt by business

From Christopher Mosey
Stockholm

More than 35,000 people, led by some of Sweden's leading industrialists, marched through Stockholm yesterday to protest against plans by Mr Olof Palme, the Socialist Prime Minister, to introduce wage-earner funds, which will allow trade unions to buy shares in private companies.

The white-collar revolt, the largest right-wing demonstration in the nation's history, blocked traffic in central Stockholm for more than an hour as the march converged on the newly reopened Swedish Parliament building on Holy Ghost Island, where the opening of the new session was taking place.

The affair was remarkably well organized and peaceful, with drum majorettes and brass bands contributing to an almost carnival atmosphere.

Mr Hans Werthen, head of Electrolux, the multinational household appliance company, Mr Curt Nicolin, chief of the electrical and power company Asea and Mrs Antonia Johnson-Morner, head of the Johnson shipping line, were among those leading the mainly grey-suited demonstrators.

Mr Werthen said it was only the second demonstration he had taken part in.

Turkey shortlists 1,219 for November poll

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

Turkey's Supreme Electoral Board yesterday declared 1,219 candidates, including 50 independents, eligible to run for the 400-seat, single-chamber National Assembly to be elected for five years on November 6.

However, none of the three parties that qualified for the poll – the centre-right Nationalist Democracy Party, the conservative Motherland Party and the centre-left Populist Party – has enough candidates for every seat in Parliament, thanks to a barrage of vetoes by the ruling National Security Council.

But it was the independents who suffered most rejections: 432 were barred from running.

The rest of the 15 parties founded since last April were disqualified earlier by the council by means of vetoes of their founders.

The Nationalist Democracy Party, headed by Mr Turgut Sunalp, a former general, appears to have the odds on its *side. The ruling military* deny any favouritism, but three Government ministers are among the party's candidates, and Mr Bulend Ulusu, the Prime Minister, and three other ministers are running as independents on the party's ticket, leaving little doubt about where military sympathies lie.

The Motherland Party of Mr Turgut Ozal, the former Deputy Prime Minister and economy chief, is regarded by many as a serious rival, however. The surprisingly small number of candidates vetoed is attributed to the prestige and support which Mr Ozal enjoys among influential sections of the business community in Turkey and in financial circles abroad. He was the architect and enforcer of the present economic stabilization programme, before he was ousted two years ago.

Although its programme is basically conservative, the Motherland Party has seemed to attract the "opposition potential" even from the opposite end of the political spectrum.

The Populist Party, headed by Mr Necdet Calp, a former senior bureaucrat also reputed to have the trust of the military, is not regarded as a serious contender because most social democrats seem to have snubbed it.

The conservative Right Way Party and the *Social Democrats'* Sodep, both barred from the poll despite their combined claim to the support of nearly all the 19.6 million eligible voters, have announced their refusal to support any of the contending parties and independent candidates.

This raises the prospect of a large number of blank protest votes, despite repeated warnings by President Kenan Evren against "intrigues by former politicians".

THE ARTS

Opera

No place for youthful love

Werther
Covent Garden

Several more were added on Monday to the sorrows of young Werther. It was one of those nights when people emerge yawning into the bars and remark on really how extraordinarily hot it is in the theatre this evening, one of those nights when one short act in the opera house can seem to last a lifetime.

The single ray of hope came from Yvonne Kenny as Sophie. She made her contributions with deftness, brilliance and charm; she also had a secure monopoly of French-sounding French. When she entered these dismal proceedings she seemed to be coming from some other performance where things were going rather more happily. It was not surprising she did not stay with us for long.

It is hard to imagine, in particular, that where she came from the Werther was less becoming than Giacomo Aragall. Last season Mr Aragall earned the gratitude of Covent Garden audiences when he bravely stepped into the large breach left by the non-appearance of Luciano Pavarotti as Cavaradossi. He seemed then to be excelling himself, and I am afraid it is now clear how very much he was.

Or perhaps Werther is simply a role he does not feel happy in: that much might be suggested by his unwillingness to venture more than a few paces from the prompt box. And indeed he neither looks nor sounds the juvenile lead. The pangs of youthful love are not made for the more mature breast, and they need to be voiced with something more than Mr Aragall's grey, sandpapery tone. It helps, too, if they come in tune.

At this point enter Yvonne Minton as Charlotte. I have never heard Miss Minton sing so positively, confidently and repeatedly flat: one can only assume she was dismayed, as well she might be, by what was going on around her, and dismayed even more by what was not. Altogether hers was a very dismayed performance.

Nobody seems to have tried to persuade her that Charlotte is a lady much put upon and finally obliged to listen to this tiresome little man spouting his dying agonies for twenty minutes. In that last act she made no dramatic contact with Mr Aragall at all, and, though there were odd marvellous sounds that could only have come from her lips, the part would appear to have taken little hold on her musical intelligence.

But then intelligence is perhaps not a quality to look for in connexion with Massenet: certainly Jacques Delacôte in the pit was doing his best to persuade us that this composer really is as trivial as he is often painted. Music requiring sophistication, sinuosity and sheen was all blotched and bumpy, as if to make it sound like the worst of Tchaikovsky played badly.

There were some bits that went very prettily, particularly when the solo violin or a small string group sang out, but these were glinting details in a mess of poorly judged rhythms, inaccurate ensemble and forced drive.

Among the remainder of the cast, Jonathan Summers returns to the role of Albert with distinction: one's sympathies are all with him when he sings so nobly, truly and well. Stafford Dean is the new Bailiff, also a figure of upright strength and determination, with a voice of commanding oratory: he is the image of a local worthy. His cronies are somewhat caricatured by John Gibbs and Paul Crook, and his younger children are sung by a group of infants whose names read like those of a mixed bunch of European commissioners, but who sound quite as doggedly English as so many of their adult companions on stage.

Paul Griffiths


Douglas Jeffery

Brilliance and charm, earning sympathy: Yvonne Kenny and Jonathan Summers

Television

Talkdown

First Tuesday (Yorkshire) specializes in "human interest", and what could be more human than the spectacle of some men pushing the boat out? Or, rather, several boats – this was a film about the fishermen of Cadgwith, a Cornish village where old salts with names like "Sharkey" Stevens talk of ancestral smuggling and murder with a relish previously unknown outside the works of Daphne du Maurier. One could not help but feel, however, that under the scrutiny of the television cameras the little community turned into a something of a waxwork display.

The seascapes were picturesque enough, but they were ruined by an appalling commentary – "Sounds to me like the old lion is getting ready to give up the leadership of the pack", the reporter said to "Sharkey", who stared back in bewilderment. The script was littered with clichés about "sweat to be spilled", "natural leaders" and "hard" or "tough" men, which might have come straight out of a bad northern novel from the early Sixties. It was a classic case of an outside television personage imposing his own interpretations and sentiments upon a perfectly nice group of people who did not have the faintest idea what he was talking about.

The other documentary in last night's programme was concerned with life at St Quentin. This is the prison for the most dangerous convicts in California, who seemed either crazed or so "spaced out" that there is nothing but the outline of a person left behind. It is a dangerous place: overcrowded, unhealthy, filled with racial violence and gang warfare. Not the least extraordinary aspect of the prison, however, is that many of the inhabitants seem to flourish there. One female guard was ecstatic about her job: "I couldn't do anything else." And marriages are performed in the visitors' area. Faced with this cornucopia of "human interest", the reporter wisely sat back and watched. He should have gone to Cornwall as well.

Peter Ackroyd

Theatre

Complacency into comedy

The Hard Shoulder
Aldwych

When Stephen Fagan's comedy opened at Hampstead this time last year, I made the mistake of calling it a notable addition to the How We Live Now genre. With its fable of a thrusting young wine merchant trying to strike it rich in the property boom and falling foul of a civic development scheme, the appropriate category is surely How We Lived Then.

Peopled with characters who still take their charmed lives for granted in the midst of an economic blitz, *The Hard Shoulder* exudes a kind of blinkered go-getting that was a trademark of the 1970s.

Besides the thrusting Toby and his trusting wife, there is his architect and jobbing builder, both of whom encourage his dazzling visions of an Islington Klondike for reasons of their own. The only outsider at this mutual carve-up is a guileless young squatter whose dazed rigmaroles on conservation and the property instinct come over as the death-rattle of the flower children.

Mr Fagan's achievement is to take this moribund group and revitalize it in an energetic and brilliantly plotted comedy that passes judgment on the characters only by allowing them to incriminate themselves.

Stephen Moore: triumphant fury

You get the sense of looming disaster from the first sight of Toby, bestriding the precipitous roof of Tanya McCallin's ingeniously hinged set, and training his binoculars on a nearby slum and a threatened motorway as if scanning the horizon for enemy submarines.

Sure enough, the motorway advances, the house values tumble to zero, a motorway protest meeting draws one anti-traffic freak (a marvellous cameo by Yvonne D'Alpra) and the luckless tycoon finally heeds the advice of his builder ("a fireman, but not at heart") to set light to the property and collect the insurance.

In performance the main question is whether Toby ranks as an intelligent speculator or a dupe. At Hampstead, Peter Blythe played him as an absurd but totally self-confident figure. At the Aldwych, he is played by Stephen Moore, who excels in passages of aghast dismay and huge, tearing exclamations of triumph and exasperated fury; but he is an incurably sympathetic actor, who leaves you feeling that he was carried into this business by forces beyond his control. The play is diminished by seeing him as a victim.

Mr Blythe, still dispensing nasal gulps and hee-haw giggles, takes over the less assertive role of the architect, and mines it for wonderful unconscious giveaways.

The rest of Nancy Meckler's company remains unchanged; and it is as much fun as ever to see Glyn Owen arriving from the latest toy-factory fire clutching a singed teddy bear, and Philip Bird's squatter innocently describing his satisfaction in manual labour on the motorway. As before, Liza Goddard takes your breath away with her complacent line on the impending loss of her luxurious family home: "Oh no; it's so right for the children".

Irving Wardle

Dance

Second Stride
The Place

Siobhan Davies's creation for Second Stride, first given at Edinburgh last month and having its London premiere to open the Dance Umbrella season on Monday, is a wordy dance. It takes its title, *Minor Characters*, from a novel, but not its subject, and it has dialogue by another writer, Barbara McLauren.

I can understand the desire of choreographers, when quite a few non-dancers are presenting quasi-dance pieces, to break out in the other direction, but it usually proves ill-advised. In this instance, apart from finding the text a sad mixture of banality and heavy-handed punchlines, I thought it detracted from the effect of the dancing. Davies is trying to show us charcters through their small movements, but it works best when the two speakers shut up.

We do not need to be told that a character is full of energy and curiosity when we can see it for ourselves, and choreography can show us how a couple pick each other up (in the social rather than the physical sense) more quickly and revealingly than a double dialogue of words and thoughts.

If this sort of thing is to be done at all, parts of it are rather well done, especially by Sally Owen among the speakers and Juliet Fisher among the dancers. Antony McDonald's design, with only a few simple objects (chiefly a large mirror and a table) makes the stage look good; he has also vastly improved the look of Richard Alston's *The Brilliant and the Dark*, earlier in the programme, although I am not convinced that the dancing in that lives up to the title, or to the Britten Cello Sonata.

Incidentally, The Place is not a good place for trying to dance in silence, as happened in parts of *Minor Characters*: the church clock outside, the air conditioning and the restive audiences make a (presumably unintended) accompaniment, school of John Cage.

Ian Spink, whose last work for Second Stride was a kind of play for dancers, provided the main dance interest in this programme with a revival of *Some Fugues*, to five Contrapuncti from Bach's *Art of Fugue* (Nos 1, 13, 12, 18 and 19). The first and last are given dances that match the entries, inversions and rests of the score; the middle one is improvised (and hence much less strict), but still with formal elements of repetition; the others constitute a solo danced in relay and a trio, both with repeats.

The use of often very informal movement in this formal context gives the dances lively interest, and the cast of six perform it with attractive zest and control.

John Percival

Concert

Philharmonia/Kasprzyk
Festival Hall

The Philharmonia are to be congratulated in presenting, within the space of four days, ample edification for both the most ardent Mahlerphile and the most rampant Mahlerphobe. It was a happy, if perhaps coincidental, piece of programme planning to follow Mahler's Third Symphony last Thursday with his Fourth on Monday, with its finale interchange and its rich *Wunderhorn* cross-referencing. But the effect of the juxtaposition on the calendar of Esa-Pekka Salonen's rich insight into the former with Jacek Kasprzyk's tawdry travesty of the latter would have to be foreseen to be believed.

The orchestra rose splendidly to Mr Kasprzyk's demands to provide everything for the Mahlerphobe and little for anyone else, as those who wisely made their exits between movements were quick to realize. It was all there: the trite melody, the crude orchestration, the crass juxtaposition; the sugarspun portamento, the self-indulgent grotesquerie, the sad caricature of adult childhood. Mr Kasprzyk is, in short, and when let loose on Mahler, music's answer to Gerald Scarfe – except that he lacks any comparable wit, shrewdness of perception or style.

His achievement, rather, is to render the music of the first movement inaudible for its barrage of expression marks, to find a speed slow enough to disintegrate the opening cello tune of the slow movement, and to encourage an irrationality of tempo and ensemble playing such as has not been heard from this orchestra even in their most controversial recent escapades with their conductor-elect. Margaret Marshall was the consenting soprano soloist.

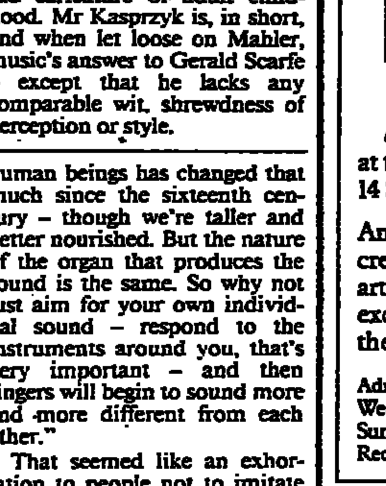
Before the interval, John Lill was a particularly fitting partner in a performance of Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto assembled in easily understandable parts and whose chief strengths lay in its beginnings, its endings and the fact that, thanks to cracking tempi, its ending came fairly soon.

Hilary Finch



Emma Kirkby (right), now established as one of the leading voices in early music, begins a nationwide tour tonight: interview by Nicholas Kenyon

The sound of style



"The greatest achievement is if you can get people to go home and say 'I've been to a marvellous concert', not 'I've been to an early-music concert'." The soprano Emma Kirkby, impatient like many of her colleagues with a small label for a vast musical world, is finding her horizons are broadening all the time. "I was lucky to be able to make so many recordings so soon, but, apart from the wonderful Dowland project with the Consort of Musicke, it was all fairly abstruse, with a specialist appeal. But moving into the baroque, singing Vivaldi, Bach and especially recording *Messiah* with Chris Hogwood, has changed all that very suddenly."

Now Emma Kirkby seems to have been thrust into a newly hectic world of large-scale success. There are international solo appearances, visits to America with the Consort of Musicke, another nationwide Early Music Network tour which starts at the Wigmore Hall tonight and, just released, a new solo record for Florilegium. She has appeared on many Florilegium and some Hyperion records as consort and solo singer, and a sampler of her solo work, *A Portrait of Emma Kirkby*, has already appeared. But the new disc, devoted to Purcell songs, in which she collaborates with Anthony Rooley and Christopher Hogwood, is her first original solo recording.

As if that was not all enough, she made *Private Eye* recently when her biography in the programme for her appearance at the Proms contained a classic misprint: "Emma Kirkby", it declared, "first became interested in early music while under an undergraduate at Oxford." Perhaps that will at least help to remove the aura of purity and boyishness which still hangs around her voice. I wondered whether that sort of description, still often used of her, was irritating? "I suppose some people will call my sound boyish to my dying day. Actually, I think my voice is changing: you couldn't say it sounds like a recorder any more! But no, that isn't irritating, though it is strange when you pour yourself into some intense, poignant, suffering lute song and the review just says 'charming'.

"My voice is light, and there will always be some roles, even in Handel and Mozart, which need more weight. But that's exactly right; there were always different voices around. Now I'm finding what I can do best: I'm going to record Bach's solo soprano cantata *Jauchzet Gott* with John Eliot Gardiner, for Phonogram, and I'm exploring Mozart, doing his complete sacred music for soprano and chorus for Florilegium."

Though she is now firmly into the eighteenth century, her most characteristic work remains that with Anthony Rooley in the lute-song repertory, and more recently in Italian seventeenth-century music. What are the problems of communicating emotion in this earlier repertory? "We have had a problem that in training voices to express deep emotion people have been aiming at operatic-style effects, and, more important, at projecting in very large spaces, accompanied by a thick, dense orchestra. What sounds passionate in that context would obviously overwhelm a Monteverdi ensemble. The point is not to abandon the intensity, quite the opposite, but to scale it down so that it doesn't drown a lute."

And does the sound she produces come from a natural physical response, or from information in treatises and documents from the past? "Ha! Of course I'm interested in drawing out physical characteristics, because that's the only way to produce a good, natural sound. And I do read every little thing which survives, though the indications, say, in Monteverdi's letters are very rare, like gold-dust. The other trouble with written evidence is that the terms are so subjective: expressive, pure, whatever. And you can't just create a sound theoretically out of the blue anyway: you have to make some sort of sound and then respond to it, modify it."

But you cannot, as an instrumentalist can, pick up an old instrument and see what comes out? "I think you should try that with the voice. I don't think the physiognomy of human beings has changed that much since the sixteenth century – though we're taller and better nourished. But the nature of the organ that produces the sound is the same. So why not just aim for your own individual sound – respond to the instruments around you, that's very important – and then singers will begin to sound more and more different from each other."

That seemed like an exhortation to people not to imitate the Kirkby early-music sound. "*There has been a danger of* that because my voice is now so much recorded. Not with the singers, I'm bound to say, who have their own ideas of how they should sound, but with the directors, who say 'Why can't you sound like *her*?' But I think that's over now; there are so many other sopranos making beautiful, quite distinctive sounds in this repertory, and if you look in *Early Music News* there seem to be a couple of new vocal consorts every month – there's a great deal of variety."

Surely, though, her style of performance has had an immense influence? "I don't know. I would be pleased if a particular *attitude* to performance caught on, but not a particular *sound*." What sort of attitude? "The kind of thing that the great singers in this area like Nigel Rogers and David Thomas have cultivated: an attitude to diction and to directness of utterance, the awareness that the text in a piece of seventeenth-century music is absolutely the most important thing, more important than the sound."

Does this directness not inhibit subtlety and the expression of ambiguity, say in Monteverdi or Mozart? "I think singers can be aware of the ambiguities, but it's their job to render the piece 'straight' and then let the subtleties take their course with the audience. I think audiences now are much more attuned to different ways of expressing feeling and emotion.

"It's always best to start from the point of view of total commitment. Don't be an abolitionist: you can't do this, you can't do that. Of course you set certain limits, a certain scale, but within that live as dangerously as you can. Don't practise with the piano: that continual warm background gives you the wrong sort of support, and it distracts from detail of what's going on in your voice. Sing a lot in a silence; just sing to yourself without anything to cover it up. You have to listen for the centre of your voice."

THE TIMES DIARY

Arrested career

The top job with Devon and Cornwall police is again on offer, a mere 18 months after John "Community Policing" Alderson retired as Chief Constable after eight distinguished years. David East, his successor, has become Chief Constable of South Wales.

I hear, however, that the police authority is having difficulty filling East's boots and is now re-advertising the post because other police appointments in the country dramatically denuded its short list.

Until a new chief is appointed Brian Morgan will be acting Chief Constable. Although he is the man who largely implemented Alderson's community policing plan he is debarred from the top job by Home Office rules, having already served as an assistant and deputy chief constable there.

Alderson, 61, lost the new and splendidly picturesque Devon seat of Teignbridge for the Liberals at the general election, and is now writing a book.

Some of his supporters still hope he will get to Westminster through a Liberal seat in the Lords. But I fear he will go the way of most ex-policemen by joining a security organization. Next week he is due to launch a new system of marking valuable household goods, for a firm that is confidently expected to offer him a permanent job.

Born again

One Labour MP particularly embarrassed by the dream-ticket euphoria at Brighton is Austin Mitchell. In what seemed a good idea at the time, his book *Four Years in the Death of the Labour Party* was scheduled for release tomorrow. It is a sorry account of the years 1979 to 1983. Now with the unfamiliar sweetness and light which has broken out since the Kinnock-Hattersley marriage, the MP for Grimsby feels a bit like a best man mentioning old girlfriends.

Mitchell wrote the book this summer in a depressed mood. Although he is now suffering unity euphoria he thinks there are still lessons to be learnt from the recent dark past and warns: "The same crazy views are still being forced on us." His publishers, Methuen, have done him a dubious turn, however, by not getting any copies to the Labour Party bookstall in the conference foyer. "Perhaps I should leave town when the copies arrive", said Mitchell, only half in jest.


BARRY FANTONI



"Would Signor Annigoni like to come down for his tea?"

Sinking feelings

Tam "Belgrano" Dalyell, the MP for West Lothian who has vigorously campaigned against the sinking of the Argentine warship since the Falklands campaign, heads the list of keep-fit fanatics at the Labour Party conference. In a manner reminiscent of his erstwhile colleague John Stonehouse, Dalyell, 51, enjoys plunging into the sea at Brighton, though he stays well in sight of the beach on account of the strong ebb tide. Some observers suspect however that he remains inshore for fear of submarines lurking within the local Sussex exclusion zone and plotting his course.

● *It might have been simpler if Yiannis Kouros, the phenomenal Greek winner of the Spartathlon footrace, had run all the way to London to fetch the winner's cup offered by the* Financial Times. *As it is, he had to be content with a photograph of the valuable trophy presented to him at the awards ceremony in Athens this week by an embarrassed European manager of the FT while the cup, sent by post on September 8, was confined at Customs, the combined victim of slow mail and red tape. Kouros covered the 150 miles between Athens and Sparta in just under 22 hours – a considerably faster average than that recorded by the Post Office on the 1,950-mile trip from London to Athens.*



Abram Games, the artist who was called to the War Office in 1941 to design some of the most memorable war posters, is set to achieve a long-cherished ambition in honour of the many Jewish relief workers who travelled across Europe to the concentration camps liberated by the British Army in 1945. Under the auspices of the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation, Games is to establish an archive of photographic and documentary material from the period at the Wiener Library in London. Much of this moving material was gathered last weekend when some 80 former members of the Jewish Relief Unit – the operational wing of the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad – held their first reunion since 1949.

PHS

Less rhetoric, more Realpolitik

George Walden argues for a more common sense approach to East-West relations


Evening Standard

"Well, anyway, I'm at the top table!" – how Vicky saw Alec Douglas-Home's role between the superpowers in 1964

We are entering one of the most acute phases of East-West relations since the war. The West will need all the cohesion and statesmanship it can muster. For me at least, our aim is not in question: it is to compel the Russians to desist from their attempt to force Western Europe to live in the shadow of their nuclear dominance.

Aims are one thing, methods another. How do we achieve our objective? By a display of competitive indignation about Soviet iniquity, and a game of nuclear "chicken"? By out-shouting a thick-skinned totalitarian regime? Or by sober steadfastness in our central purpose?

Above all we shall need solidarity at home. This country has a fine tradition of sobriety in East-West relations. Churchill began it with his warnings about Soviet ambitions. But his rhetoric was many-layered, and suffused with history. His words were not just projectiles. As early as 1950, he also warned us of the need for prudence and conciliation, as well as strength. That was in Stalin's time. In our own day that sort of talk would bring easy jeers of dampness, or worse.

It was Churchill too who called for a summit one week, and for German rearmament the next. Only the Russians and the Americans saw any contradiction . . . Whatever else he was, Churchill was not a one-dimensional man.

The British responded to this approach, because it made sense. Today, Mrs Thatcher has won over the electorate again to sound sense on disarmament and the deterrent. Now we must keep the country with us, as a matter of practical politics, as we move into this difficult and dangerous period. It will not be done by wars of words. There is a healthy distaste for that here, whether it comes from extremist Labour politicans or from the Kremlin. But we do admire, and respond to, cool resolution of the Falklands variety.

The Prime Minister in her speeches frequently contrasts our pluralistic society with Soviet totalitarianism. Pluralism applies to governments, too. They are not expected to see everything in black and white, but to exploit a richer range. We cannot and should not try to shout down the Russians. That will not make them go away, and they will always win a contest of abuse.

Our more objective style of "propaganda" is more efficient in the long term (which is why we should scrape up the extra pennies to keep the BBC overseas services in top gear). In her speech in Washington last week, the Prime Minister rightly drew attention to the superiority of western culture. "Culture hates hatred", said Matthew Arnold. So, I suspect, do the British.

We shall not keep public opinion with us if East-West exchanges continue at their present pitch. There will be a reaction. All sorts of people – not just the weak and the wobbly – will start to shrink back, and to ask whether we have got the nuclear arithmetic right. In our fair-minded British way, some will be tempted to find excuses for the Russians in their anxiety to "correct the balance". (The beginnings of this tendency can be seen over the Korean airliner . . .). They will begin to ask whether it is all really necessary.

The shameless dodging of the issue by the Liberals (will their policy on the cruise missiles be ready before deployment is due?) could raise a question mark over the non-inclusion of Polaris in the nuclear equation. All good news for the Russians, and dangerous for the alliance.

Policy cannot and should not be geared to the weak-willed. But nor should it go out of its way to alienate the hesitant. European solidarity is equally crucial. Will the Germans, Dutch and Belgians be encouraged or embarrassed by recent speeches by President Reagan, Vice-President Bush and Mrs Thatcher? Will they be rallied, or worried? The tone has to be right for The Hague as well as Ohio. Once again, one-dimensional politics will not do.

Britain has a peculiar role in keeping Europe and the US together, not as a vulgar middle-man, but as a catalyst of common sense. Look at our contribution to the establishment of Nato itself. Look at Eden at Geneva, Macmillan and the partial nuclear test ban, and at Alec Douglas-Home's underrated achievement in steadying western over-enthusiasm for detente in the early stages of the European Security Conference.

Where is the British reputation for tough but informed and imaginative East-West diplomacy today? Harold Wilson's wheedling, ingratiating style lost us the respect of the Russians as well as of the West. Now we are respected all right, but we are not in the game. No serving British prime minister has been to Moscow for eight years.

How can we expect to influence our allies if we cannot speak from experience? The West German position is as central as ever. But what can we tell Herr Kohl about the Russians or Andropov? He's been to the Soviet Union and met him. No one here has.

And where is the "battle of ideas" the Prime Minister mentioned? How many MPs, editors or artists have been battling in Moscow over the last decade? Partly because of this, the debate about how to deal with the Soviet Union has become sadly debased.

Why haven't I been ruder about the Russians in this article? Because I assume that people are aware of the obvious, but are less confident about how to deal with it. We could all write a book on the excesses of détente. Now we *must* evolve a less sentimental policy – but remember that there are "hard" as well as "soft" sentimentalists.

There is an urgent need to revive the British tradition of East-West statesmanship. Who could possibly suspect us, or the Prime Minister, of all people, of unprincipled bridge-building, or infirmity of purpose, if we were to make an effort to know our adversaries better and to argue things over face to face?

Public opinion is less primitive on these issues than some politicians seem to suppose. People know perfectly well that strong words in private can be more effective than in public. They know that you need sound defences to talk, and that we have these too. But they also sense that there is a vacuum of leadership in the West today that cannot be filled with noise alone.

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Pitfalls – despite the new Labour unity

Instead of leaving by the front door to go to the Commons for a three-line whip vote, Neil Kinnock took a short cut through the open drawing-room window. With one leg cocked over the windowsill, he paused and turned to my wife saying: "and all because the lady loves Milk Tray".

This style of exuberant clowning – coming as it did in the wake of a heated, political argument – is one of the most endearing things about Neil Kinnock and partly explains why he is so well liked within the Labour Party. He is refreshingly free of the self-important gravitas that characterizes so many leading politicians.

But the main reason, of course, why Neil Kinnock triumphed at Brighton on Sunday is because a collective instinct of self-preservation extending to both right and left, suggested that he was the man best able to revive Labour's flagging fortunes. Solidly right-wing unions like the shop workers and clerical workers joined left-wing unions like the train drivers and public employees to back him. The same process was at work in the constituencies with traditionally right-wing parties in the Midlands and the North-east joining some left-wing parties in the new left strongholds of Scotland and London to produce an astonishing tally of 91 per cent of constituency parties voting for Kinnock in the first ballot.

Neil Kinnock is now in a uniquely strong position to bond together the disparate elements within the Labour Party. He is the first leader to be elected by the wider membership of the Labour movement, and will enjoy special authority within the party as a consequence.

He also enjoys a breadth of support, not merely on the right and the left, but across the different sections of the Labour movement that none of his immediate predecessors enjoyed. If James Callaghan or Hugh Gaitskell had been obliged to contest the leadership on an extended franchise, they would have been hammered in the constituencies. Had Harold Wilson and Michael Foot been subjected to the same test, they probably would not have gained a large majority of union votes. Yet, Kinnock won 49 per cent of the MPs' votes (with at least another 14 per cent pledged to him in the second ballot) and well over two thirds of constituency and union votes.

Neil Kinnock will also be spared some of the problems that beset Michael Foot, who found himself caught in the crossfire between the competing power centres in the Labour Party. Foot's problem in his last year was that he was in a minority within both the Shadow Cabinet and the National Executive Committee (NEC), both of which were controlled by Labour's right wing. This generated constant pressure on him to "assert his authority" by backing moves that led to confrontation with the party's grassroots.

But Kinnock was aided yesterday by the elections to the NEC, which produced an inconclusive result in which neither the "hard left" nor the "hard right" is in overall control. This leaves Kinnock and his close associates holding the balance of power. He will be able to determine who chairs the key committees and what policy stand the national executive will take in the next year.

Changes within the Parliamentary Labour Party will also probably operate in the new leader's favour. The broadly defined left now constitutes about half the MPs whereas before the election they accounted for only about a third. This shift is likely to result, later this month, in the election of a Shadow Cabinet with whom Kinnock will find it easy to work (unless the Tribune and Campaign groups of left-wing MPs fail to agree on a common ticket). This will lead, in turn, to the establishment of a working relationship between Kinnock and Hattersley in which the former will be very clearly boss.

Of course, a great number of pitfalls lie ahead. The Labour Party's credibility could be badly dented by a poor showing in next year's European elections. The Government's pending trade union legislation could cut off the party's financial life support system if trade unionists vote against the retention of political levies. The reselection of MPs, in which three members of the present Shadow Cabinet could well lose their seats, may cause hackles to rise. Labour's right wing may launch a campaign to reverse constitutional reforms in the party and expel more Militant members, thereby condemning the party to a further damaging period of introspection. Part of Labour's left wing will oppose all changes in the party's manifesto commitment.

But there exists at this year's party conference a surprisingly pervasive mood of conciliation among party and union delegates engendered by a feeling that the Labour Party is at a historic moment where it will either regain lost ground or be eclipsed by the Alliance. This mood, if skilfully harnessed by Neil Kinnock and those around him could carry the party through.

Some five years ago, Neil Kinnock told a Bennite dinner party given by *Tribune's* editor, Chris Mullin, "Don't worry, my wife will keep me on the broad and left". His wife has not been entirely successful. Kinnock's meteoric rise and that of Hattersley represents in reality a consolidation of the centre-right control of the Labour Party, but most of the left will nevertheless sustain the new leadership because it is essential, in the interests of the party, that it succeeds. Disaffected right-wing Labour MPs will, I hope, display the same degree of realism at a time when the Labour Party is in dire trouble.

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Patricia Clough on a young businessman's battle against EEC barriers

A German gamble Britain could win

The adventures of a swashbuckling young insurance broker from a provincial town in Bavaria would not normally be the stuff to set hearts beating faster under pinstripe city suits. But Franz Schleicher, aged 33, of Gerolfingerstrasse, Ingolstadt, could well end up as a hero who opened up a new future for the British insurance industry.

One day Herr Schleicher decided he was going to ignore West German laws and insure German fur dealers in London. After all, he thought as he arranged cheaper and better cover for his clients than they could get at home, the EEC *is* a common market, isn't it? Does not the Treaty of Rome (he reflected further as German policemen later raided his home and offices) commit members to free movement of services, as well as of goods and people?

"And," he declared, as he came before two singularly unsympathetic West German courts, "if only the case could referred to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, it would rule that I'm right."

After a fruitless 2½-year legal battle, with a £5,250 fine, two lost appeals and £20,000 spent on lawyers' fees, Herr Schleicher is undeterred. Denied access to the European Court, and unable to fight the point any further in West Germany, he has seized on the last chance open to him: he has complained to the Commission in Brussels.

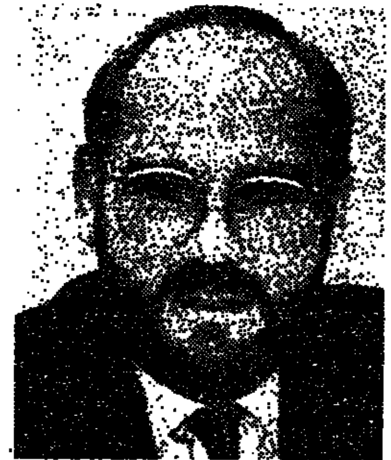
This is just what the Commission wanted. For years it has been trying to persuade member countries to remove the many obstacles which still prevent the Community being a real common market, particularly in the field of insurance.

Now Herr Schleicher has provided the opportunity to take a short cut. If Christopher Tugendhat, the Budget Commissioner, fails as he is likely to, in his current round of efforts to soften up member states this autumn, the Commission will haul West Germany before the European Court.

This could be just what Britain, too, wants. Efforts by the insurance industry and by the Government, from Mrs Thatcher down, to get a free market for insurance have constantly come up against fellow members objections which, they suspect, are deliberately exaggerated to keep out British competition.

"We have just been bashing our heads against a wall", one official said. Now the Schleicher case could start the wall tumbling down.

Both the insurance world and Herr Schleicher firmly deny any collusion. Herr Schleicher say he is out to break the monopoly of a big competitor, Oskar Schunck of Frankfurt and Munich, which provides the only cover available for fur dealers in West Germany through a consortium of insurance companies. Partly Herr Schleicher is doing it for kicks. "It's fun", he told *The Times*. "I have a passion for gambling". Fortunately, he adds, he can afford it.


Franz Schleicher: "The European Court of Justice would rule in my favour"

If the stakes for Herr Schleicher are high, the potential rewards for British insurance are still higher. It would open up a market of 220 million more people in an area where Britain is a world leader.

"After all, dammit", Mrs Liliana Archibald, Lloyd's international affairs adviser says, "the Germans do well out of the EEC with their industry, the French with agriculture, other with the regional policy – why shouldn't Britain benefit from what it is good at – services?"

Above all, she emphasizes that it would benefit the European consumer by providing a much better choice of cover and rates than at present. "We would provide competition by trying to give the consumer what he wants", she said.

Members are reluctant to speculate on how much business full access to the EEC market would bring, but a spokesman for the British Insurance Association calculated that if Britain's current 3 per cent share in the Community market were increased only to 5 per cent it would mean another £800m worth of earnings.

Free cross-border insurance, as it is called in Community jargon, would benefit Lloyds' because of its unique structure, even more than the insurance companies. Under EEC law the latter are able to open branches in member countries, but this means bowing to local restrictions, as well as incurring additional costs.

The British cause, supported only by the Dutch, has met with particular resistance from the French government, which makes a considerable income from tax on insurance policies, and the West Germans. The latter, who have never forgotten the collapse of the German insurance companies in the 1920s, want to keep tight control on consumer protection.

"The British are free to get German licences and set up branches here any time they like, but one should not poach", said a spokesman for the West German insurance supervisory board.

In the long run, however, an EEC insurance market could be in every member's interest. For unless European companies are able to develop on a much larger scale they risk losing in the long run to big American and Japanese firms in the battle for world markets.

Politically, the question has put Britain in the delightfully refreshing position of being, for once, on the side of the angels – that is, the Commission and the Treaty of Rome – with the other members in the role of the sinners. But officials in Brussels warn that even if the European Court, as they confidently expect, finds Herr Schleicher was right, things will not change overnight. "It may break the logjam, but there will still be a lot of logs around", said one. "Countries will still want to retain controls on insurance, but at least it will be a good basis for negotiating."

Jock Bruce-Gardyne

Whitehall can't be Americanized

A speech by a former temporary civil servant which rates a response from the chairman of the Conservative Party, a former senior cabinet minister, and two former Whitehall permanent secretaries, and extensive editoral comment in the national press led by *The Times*, must be something out of the ordinary. But then I have occasionally felt that Sir John Hoskyns, succesful entrepreneur turned pundit-in-residence at No 10, has missed his true vocation: he is a marvellous communicator. We can argue till the cows come home about his diagnosis of the national condition, and the remedies he advances. There is no disputing the skills of presentation.

No one who has lived at Westminster, and sat behind a ministerial desk, could challenge many of his charges with an easy conscience. There *is* a dead weight of pessimism and inertia in the Whitehall machine that is mighty hard to move. The House of Commons *is* a closed shop in which clubability is a surer route to preferment than plain ability; and it *does* display a childish hostility to implants. The work-load on ministers *is* crushing to an extent that makes long-term planning well-nigh impossible. And some, at least, of his time-bombs ticking away – neglected pension provision in particular – are real enough.

Not altogether surprisingly, his latest broadside, courtesy of the Institute of Directors, earned an immediate endorsement from his Labour predecessor, Dr Bernard Donoughue.

Many of the outside comments must have struck Sir John as woefully predictable. He has been arraigned as a modern business fascist: a natural acolyte to Mr Cecil King's weird plans in the 1960s to stage a palace revolution and have a junta of tycoons to rescue us from Harold Wilson. In reality, the obvious model for the reforms he advocates (although he is reluctant to acknowledge the parentage) is the United States: which, for all its short-comings, is not usually identified as a fascist state. There the President can pick the members of his cabinet as the fancy takes him; and the commanding heights of the bureaucracy are occupied by the political appointees of the presidency.

Whether the Americans are thereby better governed than we are must be a matter of debate. They are certainly differently governed: and this I think Sir John ignores. The President may be surrounded by successful businessmen who can bring the skills of management to the machine of government. But the crucial check of responsiveness to popular opinion is supplied by Congress, with a membership which is not primarily dependent on presidential patronage.

In theory we could once more have a government composed of men and women of the Prime Minister's exclusive choosing, with *placement* in the House of Lords. But I question whether the House of Commons could then be expected to play the role of Congress.

What struck me most about Sir John's suggested remedies, however, was their familiarity. He paraphrased a number of defensive responses from Whitehall. One of them was: "But we tried all this in 1974, and it didn't work". Well we did, and it didn't.

The 1970 government started with a Secretary of State for Industry recruited from the CBI; a bunch of businessmen brought in to tilt the Civil Service through the mangle; that scientific and financial wizard Lord Rothschild set up at the apex of a pyramid of young geniuses, mostly recruited from outside Whitehall, to challenge the received wisdom of the Whitehall village over dinner at the Mirabelle; and a fistful of American techniques called PARs (Program Appraisal and Review) and PPBSs (Planning Programming Budgeting Systems) to extract right answers from the central government machine. Yet four years later we had had full-scale reorganizations of the health service and local government which did not command universal approbation; a massive capital investment programme for the steel industry which looked odd in the light of subsequent events; and disastrous collision with the miners leading to electoral defeat.

And at the end of it all the key role in Whitehall was not occupied by one of the recruits from business, most of whom had long since departed, but by a career civil servant, Sir William Armstrong.

I am sure Sir John is right to argue that the task confronting the second Thatcher administration is stiffer than the one first accomplished. The first stopped the rot: the second has to produce the positive results. But I can not help feeling that the key to the success of the 1979 government was its own recognition that salvation was not in Whitehall's gift, and its ability to impart that message with conviction.

Sir John, when all is said and done, is fundamentally impatient with self-denial. I think he is wrong.

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A crusty reaction to le pain ordinaire

Paris
Nearly 200 years after the first great French Revolution, which began with cries of "Bread and liberty", another revolution is under way. This one also concerns bread but this time it is looking backwards, to the good old days when the golden, crusty, full-flavoured French *baguette* was renowned throughout the world.

The traditional French beret may have all but disappeared, and the Gauloise with its evocative blue smoke and distinctive aroma may be on the way out. But the ridiculous, cumbersome, 2ft 6in *baguette* – without which France would no longer be France – is still omnipresent,

Many French people still go to the corner bakery to buy their bread, hot from the oven, at least twice a day. In order to cater for this insistence on ultra-freshness, bread shops, nearly all of which bake their own bread on the premises, open early at 7.30 or 8am, and often do not close until 8pm.

Consumption of bread has fallen dramatically, however. France's bakers, millers and others concerned with bread production have become so worried by this decline that they have decided to launch a campaign to "bring about a reconciliation between the French and their bread". The opening shots will be fired at a national two-day conference on bread, the first of its kind which opens in Paris today.

The key to that reconciliation is quality, and many people believe that means a return to the methods of the past. Much French bread has become tasteless, limp, and characterless. Some of the Cellophane-wrapped *baguettes* now in supermarkets do not even have a real crust. Yet the whole *Raison d'être* of the *baguette*, which was "invented" by Parisian bakers at the turn of the last century, was precisely its crustiness, which offsets so beautifully the creamy French cheeses.

According to M Raymond Calvel, former professor of the art of bread-making, the rot started about 30 years ago when bakers started adding bean flour to their wheat flour, in response to a demand for whiter bread after the war and adopted much more intensive kneading methods which again helped whiten the bread, but which also changed its flavour.

"The bean flour acts as an enzyme which oxidizes the dough when kneaded violently", explained M Calvel, who taught for 42 years at the Ecole Nationale de Meunerie in Paris. "That causes a loss in the natural flavour of the yeast and flour, producing in its place an unpleasant, slightly rancid taste."

For 15 years M Calvel led what was virtually a one-man campaign to get bakers to stop adding bean flour, to use gentler kneading methods, and to return to the slow fermentation process, preferably mixing the new dough with pre-leavened dough taken from the previous batch of bread. The choice of wheat and milling methods is also important, he says.

His message is catching on. Two years ago the *Association Qualité Pain* was set up, involving a handful of millers and bakers pledged to return to the baking methods of the past. Today 700 bakers are members. They produce a loaf called a "*bagette*" to distinguish if from the ordinary *baguette*, with which it is identical in shape and price. The association, – headquarters 2 Rue de L'Industrie, 45250 Briare – produces a list of "real bread" bakers on request.

The *baguette*, meaning wand or baton, is not the only bread eaten by the French, of course, though it is by far the most common. In the same family is the thinner "*ficelle*" (string) and the fatter 400-gram loaf simply called a "*pain*". There are also various-types of buns, each with their own name – "*tabatiere*", "*tire-bouchon*", "*champignon*" the huge peasant loaves or "*pain de campagne*", often weighing several kilos, and various wholewheat and rye breads, though those are much less common than in Britain.

Then, perhaps most famous of all, there is the French croissant, which is not really French at all. It originated 300 years ago when the Austrians repulsed the Turks, and the Viennese bakers presented the Emperor with celebration buns in the form of a crescent, the Turkish emblem. When Marie-Antoinette came from Vienna to marry Louis XVI she brought her favourite breakfast food with her.

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MR FOOT'S FAREWELL

The Labour Conference yesterday gave its customary ovation to the Michael Foot it has known and loved. For his farewell speech as Leader, Mr Foot did not disappoint them. Indeed it was as though he recognized, like the old performer that he is, that any audience is deeply conservative and loves more and more of the same. The essence of burlesque, after all, is in its predictability. Mr Foot duly gave that to them, ham and all. That was only fitting for a man whose private personality is one of kindness and generosity, so often at variance with the public expression of anger and despair which seems to affect the orator, if not the man.

Consequently Mr Foot's speech was almost a self-parody. It was delivered with the familiar hectoring tone. Its content was typical of so many previous speeches – long on rhetoric, short on substance; barbed wit mixed with friendly homily. He had fierce criticism for Dr Owen, Mrs Thatcher, and the servile Press. He paid lip-service to the scale of Labour's defeat, and his shared shame in that defeat. Yet in his subsequent passages he exonerated not just the Labour Party, but explicitly the Party's election manifesto which he went out of his way to befriend. He thus implicitly lent his valedictory authority as Leader to all those people in the Party who believe that the policies were right and the people – the electorate – were wrong.

Apart from the fact that that passage will not make Mr Kinnock's job any easier, Mr Foot appears to have forgotten that the manifesto burdened Labour in June. It was a hurried cobble-up of all the twinkles in every Socialist eye. It had no sense of programme or priority. If he has forgotten that, he was merely revealing one more aspect of an incurably selective memory; if he has not, he did Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley an uncharacteristic disservice.

So now Mr Foot will return to the backbenches where he belongs. Indeed had his political career ended in 1974, before he took office, his political epitaph would have been very different from what it must be today. Below the gangway he was the great parliamentary gadfly, a necessary and welcome player in the theatre of the House of Commons; at the dispatch box it was a different story. Quite frankly, political responsibility ill-became him.

In Mr Foot's first ministry, at Employment, he saw it as his duty to curry favour with the trade unions by passing outrageously illiberal employment laws on the closed shop. They made a mockery in retrospect of so many of the fine liberal principles which he had declared as a backbencher and certainly always seemed to apply on the personal level. As Leader of the House he successfully masterminded the intricacies of the Lib-Lab Pact. In both jobs he served his Prime Minister faithfully in helping to preserve Labour unity at almost any cost.

However, if a comparison has to be made between the fate of the Labour Party in 1980 when Mr Foot became its leader, and its state today, it is hard not to conclude that his belated decision to stand for the leadership was a mistake. Who knows? If Mr Healey had won the leadership, which he almost certainly would have done had Mr Foot not stood, would the Gang of Four have then broken off to form the SDP? Would they now attract the accusations of treachery made by Mr Foot yesterday, whose vehemence barely concealed how much it is his own Party which has let down so many of its followers that they fled to vote for the SDP?

Mr Healey might have had some internal troubles in leading the Party, but who can say that Mr Foot had none when every speaker at Brighton has blamed party disunity for the election debacle? If the 1983 election was lost because of disunity, Mr Foot's election in 1980, which was held up as the only way to prevent Party divisions, can only be seen as a thundering failure. At the time, this newspaper described his election to the leadership as an unmitigated disaster. Disaster it certainly was, though mitigated by the fact that he brought to the office of leader a basic decency, and sometimes even an innocence, which was not always evident with his predecessors.

The extent of Mr Foot's failure to preserve Party unity has now created a situation in which a wholly new generation of leadership has an opportunity to rejuvenate the party. Such an opportunity would not have been available to anybody inheriting the Party in a reasonable rather than a wretched state. Thus some good has come of his leadership, if only by default. That is the sad measurement of Mr Foot's contribution to Labour history.

VIVE LA RÉPUBLIQUE

Exactly twenty-five years ago, on October 5 1958, the Fourth French Republic came to an end and the Fifth was officially born. The *Journal Officiel* published the full text of the new constitution, adopted the previous Sunday by a majority of nearly six to one among the inhabitants not only of France but of Algeria and the various overseas departments and territories.

Of all those territories only Guinea, in West Africa, rejected the choice which the constitution offered of remaining a dependent territory, being integrated into the French Republic as an overseas department, or joining the new, quasi-federal "French Community" as a fully autonomous unit. Under the leadership of M Sékou Touré, Guinea voted "no", and thereby chose immediate secession from France. General de Gaulle's Government took the territory at its word, and the French administration pulled out of Guinea in a matter of days, taking with it whatever French Government property it could remove – even, it was said, ripping out the telephone lines from Government offices.

Guinea was punished for its act of defiance by a cutting-off of all relations with France and the rest of French West Africa. Inevitably, it turned to Moscow for aid. Perhaps no less inevitably, M Touré developed galloping paranoia and soon became one of the most repressive rulers on the African continent.

Yet, ironically enough, the Community which Guinea had spurned lasted less than two years. The independence accorded with such ill grace to Guinea in 1958 was granted with good will and much mutual congratulation to the other territories of French West and Equatorial Africa in 1960. Today both M Touré and M Houphouët-Boigny of the Ivory Coast – a member of de Gaulle's Government and leader of the African "yes" camp in 1958 – are in France, taking part in the tenth annual Franco-African summit conference. The formal insititution of the Community has proved superfluous for, as independent (or, in de Gaulle's preferred phraseology, "internationally sovereign") states, the French-speaking African countries have found it quite natural to maintain a special relationship with the *ancienne métropole*.

By a further irony, the French president today playing host to the African heads of state was himself in the "no" camp in 1958. M François Mitterrand, then not yet a socialist but an uncompromising "republican", refused to join in the abdication of France's elected leaders when faced with the insurrectionary coup of the French Army in Algiers. He saw the handover of power to de Gaulle as a surrender to military blackmail, and wrote an indictment of the resulting regime and its institutions entitled *Le Coup d'état permanent*.

It was not a fashionable view at the time, and it caused M Mitterrand, for the only time in his career, to lose his parliamentary seat. Yet this very consistency in opposition to de Gaulle and his regime was to be an important factor in M Mitterrand's emergence as the leader of the left and so, eventually, as heir to those very institutions which he had so strongly condemned. He now wields, with considerable firmness, those very presidential powers that he once criticized as excessive in the hands of de Gaulle.

M Mitterrand could not bring himself to mark the anniversary with any official ceremony, and his party boycotted the celebration organized yesterday by M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist mayor of Paris and former prime minister, at the Hôtel de Ville. Nor, however, has M Mitterrand as president yet made any move to amend the constitution – not even by reducing the presidential term from seven years to five, which was one of his electoral planks in 1981.

That was also one of three reforms suggested by M Giscard d'Estaing in his speech at the Hôtel de Ville yesterday, and opinion polls show that it is popular with voters of all parties. By making the presidential and parliamentary terms of equal length, it would palliate the most obvious weakness in the 1958 constitution, as amended in 1962: the potential conflict between president and parliament, both elected by universal suffrage. The president appoints the prime minister, but the latter must enjoy the confidence of the National Assembly: so what if the two are of opposite political complexions?

So far it has never happened, because the voters have always elected a parliamentary majority willing to support the president, but it now seems very likely to happen in 1986 when M Mitterrand's presidential mandate will still have two years to run. He could in theory "co-habit" for those two years with a right-wing parliamentary majority, but only by accepting a great diminution of his own power.

The final irony is that, if he did that, he would be respecting the text of the 1958 constitution much more exactly than de Gaulle or any of his successors, including M Mitterrand himself, have ever done. On paper the constitution gives the president powers to ensure the smooth running of democracy and, in an emergency, to intervene directly to save the republic. It does not make him the full-time chief executive he has in practice been.

THE PRESIDENT REGRETS

President Reagan was clearly right to cancel his visit to the Philippines, even though it meant cancelling other parts of the tour as well. The danger to his life was obvious; the risk was not worth taking. Even an unsuccessful assassination attempt would have been politically damaging for host and guest, as well as emotionally stressful.

But there were other good reasons for the decision. This is not the best moment for President Reagan to associate himself closely with the regime of President Marcos. There would have been huge and turbulent demonstrations designed to show the strength of opposition to President Marcos. If these had represented only a small minority, and if President Reagan's personal safety could have been assured, it might have been worth weathering them for the sake of showing American support for an important ally in an area of great strategic importance. However, the demonstrations would in fact have represented very widespread opposition to a regime, which may now be nearing the end of its days. For the American president to have lent his personal authority to it at this stage would have been couterproductive.

President Marcos is ill, perhaps fatally. He has also been badly discredited by the assassination of Mr Benigno Aquino, the opposition leader who was shot at Manila airport in August. The commission which was supposed to investigate is shunned because everyone knows it cannot produce an impartial result. It is widely believed that a senior military figure was responsible, not necessarily with the knowledge or acquiescence of President Marcos, but perhaps out of fear that President Marcos had become too weak to withstand the challenge of his opponent's return.

This weakness is political as well as personal. Opposition has been growing not just on the left but among the business and professional classes, who complain of bureaucratic inefficiency, favouritism and generally bad management. Black marketeering is on the increase. Capital is leaving the country at an alarming rate. The foreign debt is at about $18,000 million and may have to be re-scheduled. There is danger of more rapid economic deterioration.

Obviously the cancellation of President Reagan's visit could make things worse because it will rightly be seen as in part a gesture of no confidence in President Marcos. But it could also be salutary if it pushes President Marcos into paying more heed to responsible critics, notably in the Church, who have been urging him to broaden his support in order to lay the foundations for an orderly succession before it is too late. Cardinal Jaime Sin, Archbishop of Manila, has led the way in calling for a council of national reconciliation to investigate the murder of Mr Aquino and prepare the ground for a free election. He is an influential figure. By listening to him President Marcos could still save his country from falling into the hands of extremists of right or left.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Exchanging insults as a means to peace

From Lord Gladwyn

Sir, You are quite right in holding (leader, October 1) that "détente," as conceived in the West, is an illusion. For so long as there is a régime in Moscow based (perhaps chiefly for the purpose of maintaining itself in power) on the professed belief that totalitarian socialism is the only way forward and that the "free democracies" are a perversion whose inevitable end must be speeded up by all means not directly counter-productive, "tension" must persist.

But, just as the Soviet Government will stop short of reinforcing propaganda by action which might provoke a shooting war, so must we. It follows that it may not matter very much whether Mr Andropov denounces Mrs Thatcher as a crazy war-monger and she (implicity) compares him with Hitler.

But whether exchanging insults does any good is another matter. Unless leaders on both sides are mad, it must be apparent to them that a war between the two super-powers would result, if not in mutual obliteration, at least in *both* achieving what they appear respectively to regard as their objectives, namely the end of the Soviet Empire and the suppression of all freedom in the Western democracies.

So negotiations on arms control and limitation are the only way in which, despite continuing "tension", the danger of war can be notably reduced, of not eliminated. And, incidentally, if negotiations result in less money being spent on arms, the economies of both sides will benefit and both thus be enabled to lighten various economic burdens that they now have to carry.

But if you are to negotiate – and are even condemned to succeed – it hardly helps if, whatever your feelings, you say openly that your regard your partner as an enemy of the human race.

Yours faithfully,
GLADWYN,
Bramfield Hall,
Haleswater,
Suffolk.
October 2.

Labour on defence

From Professor Michael Howard

Sir, If, as seems likely, the Labour Party conference pledges itself at the end of this week to a non-nuclear defence policy for Britain, it needs to make two things clear.

First, no defence policy for these islands, whether nuclear or non-nuclear, makes any sense today except in the context of an alliance with our European neighbours and the United States. Secondly, non-nuclear defence, however desirable, will inevitably involve a substantial increase in defence expenditure.

If it is prepared to accept these consequences of its declaratory policy the Labour Party will have at least begun the hard task of establishing its image as a conceivable alternative government. If not, its declarations will continue to be dismissed by the electorate as empty and irrelevant rhetoric.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HOWARD,
Oriel College,
Oxford.
October 3.

Irish jewels

From the Reverend Peter Galloway

Sir, I see from your article on today's front page (September 29) that, once again, the question of the whereabouts of the so-called "Irish crown jewels" has been brought to the attention of the public.

Since your article of July 9, 1907, which reported that "Dublin is much excited over the disappearance of valuable state jewelry", the fate of these jewels has fascinated as many people as the fate of the Marie Celeste and the whole episode has spawned a large number of myths and legends and, in recent years, two novels.

Unfortunately, your article has not only perpetuated some of these half-truths, but also invented some new ones and this seems to be a good opportunity to set down the facts.

Firstly, the jewels consisted of a diamond badge and a diamond star of the Grand Master of the Order of St Patrick, an office held ex-officio by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. They were worn by him and not by the Sovereign.

Secondly, at no time did the Grand Master or the Sovereign wear "a jewel-encrusted gold collar" and, in the course of my research into the history of the Order over the past 12 years, I have not discovered the existence of such an item. Five plain gold and enamel Knights' collars were stolen at the same time as the Grand Master's regalia, but none of them, as far as I know, were encrusted with jewels.

Thirdly, the official charged with their safe keeping was known as Ulster King of Arms, not Ulster Herald, and only one member of his staff was shot dead in mysterious circumstances – Pierce Mahony, Cork Herald – on July 26, 1914.

Fourthly, the question of ownership. I cannot see why either the British Government or the National Museum of Ireland would have any claim on the regalia if and when they are found. The regalia and insignia were the property of the Order of St Patrick, of which Order her Majesty the Queen is Sovereign head, in so far as it still exists.

If the Gardai are successsful in their efforts to recover these pieces after more than 70 years there can be no question that the pieces are the property of the Queen.

Yours sincerely,
PETER GALLOWAY,
Top Flat,
St John's House,
St John's Wood High Street, NW8.
September 29.

Law of the Sea Treaty

From Professor D. R. Denman

Sir, Surely Mr Maxwell Bruce, QC, in his letter (September 29) on the Law of the Sea Treaty shows Britain and the British Government in a false light in this matter. Admittedly, the US Administration were strong in their efforts to persuade our country and others against signing the treaty. But did we need persuading? Do we today withhold our signature (and there is still time enough to sign) at the instance of American pressure? Most certainly not.

Well before the Reagan Administration took office the British Government were actively seeking improvements to the draft Law of the Sea Convention. We did not push our objections because, at *that* time, America was anxious to complete the negotiations as quickly as possible.

President Reagan's reversal on American policy was, if anything, close to our own previously held position. We did not follow the American line but rather the reverse. Britain has led as a moderate in this sea of controversy. We signed the first Act in 1982, which the US did not do.

On no count can it be true that we have forgone our influence, participation and leadership, as Mr Maxwell Bruce would have us believe. As so often, Britain is playing the part of a wise, well informed and cautious participant.

There is a *caveat* to be entered. We have done just that, secure in our own conviction – neither blindly following another's counsel nor giving way before another's persuasion.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. DENMAN,
Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Expectations when institutions fail

From Mr Edmund Dell

Sir, If a country has to start worrying about its institutions of government, it is a sign that there are more important and worrying problems elsewhere. Some countries have been fortunate to have their institutions of government, however imperfect, carried along by economic success.

This has not been true in the UK and this fact both inspires proposals for improving our institutions and, less helpfully, leads to exaggerated claims for those proposals.

The merit of proposals for improving our institutions is not increased by attributing to them exaggerated expectations. This, I fear, is what Sir John Hoskyns has done.

Some of his proposals deserve serious consideration. They will not get it if he claims for them so much more than is actually credible as solutions for the perennial problems of the British economy.

Take, for example, the proposal that the Prime Minister should be able to select Ministers from a wider pool (not necessarily businessmen) than is constituted by members of Parliament. It is no answer to say that this has sometimes been tried and has failed. It is less than half an answer to say that such outsiders can be appointed to the House of Lords.

In France, outsiders have been appointed Ministers, have at subsequent general elections won seats in the National Assembly and have even become Prime Minister. Why in this country should anyone prepared to accept senior political responsibilities, and capable of carrying them, accept also the fixed limit to their ambitions (and consequently to their influence in Cabinet) that membership of the House of Lords implies? Better be Chairman of ICI.

I apologise, of course, for any attempt to learn from foreign experience, which also is not invariably happy. Let us take a British example. Lord Carrington, a successful Foreign Secretary, was prohibited from speaking and answering questions in the House of Commons. What possible justification can there be for this situation other than outworn tradition?

Why should not the Prime Minister be entitled to appoint Law Officers from outside the Commons and why should they not be permitted to speak and answer questions at the despatch box in the House of Commons?

Collective responsibility is a myth which no Prime Minister has abandoned in practice more completely than the present one, and with good reason. It leads to a bureaucracy of Cabinet and official committees which impedes decision making, and tends to substitute political compromise, often ignorant political compromise, for decisions made on merit.

One does not need to attribute miraculous curative powers to these proposals to see that they have sense. Perhaps it is because they have sense that they are part of the political practice of other democratic countries.

Yours faithfully,
EDMUND DELL,
4 Reynolds Close, NW11.
September 30.

From Mr Jamie Stevenson

Sir, Your Hoskyns leader (September 30) mystified me. Did we read the same lecture? My copy talked above all about "radical thinking", defined as "going to the root" of problems and thinking out positive solutions. The suggestion of importing businessmen into Westminister and Whitehall, which you set up as the main "straw-man" to knock down, was certainly on the Hoskyns menu but only as a part of the means and certainly not as the keynote.

First of all, Hoskyns never talked about "mediocre civil servants", but rather about "mediocre thinking" – thinking induced by a system of political careerism, opinion management and damage-limitation which trained them to direct their high brainpower towards "making ministers look better than they really are". How true, how true – and you of all people should know that from bitter journalistic experience.

Hoskyns was calling essentially for a more rigorous exposure of those problems to positive, lateral thinking. Certainly he underestimates the subtleties of democratic politics and constituencies. I am with you there, but in your anxiety to discredit his ideas on outsiders (incidentally, who said that Ted Heath's imported businessmen lost him the 1974 election, as you imply in a whopping *post hoc, propter hoc* logical fallacy?) you miss the most interesting ironic twist of the Hoskyns radical approach.

For the "closed shop" of the Commons comes in for scathing attack as the basic constraint upon the talent pool available to run the Government. You concentrate exclusively on his outsiders' solution. Yet "the constituency parties are ... the initial (and only) head-hunters for Cabinet material", Hoskyns continues. What price regular reselection in Conservative constituencies to keep the talent pool on its toes?

In your cautious carping at Hoskyns's less immediately practicable proposals, you demonstrate with clarity the justice of his attack on "sound" thinking. "We tried that in 1974 and it didn't work" was one example he cited of a favourite defensive Whitehall line. He could as easily have been talking of the leader columns in *The Times*.

Yours faithfully,
JAMIE STEVENSON,
13 Fitzwilliam Road, SW4.
September 30.

International trade

From Mr G. B. O'Flynn

Sir, In your supplement covering World Banking (September 26) there is an article by John Lawless in which he refers to Mr Ken Durham, chairman of the Trade Policy Research Centre's strong advocacy of free trade, arguing that the price of restricting or excluding entry to the EEC of consumer goods from such as Japan and Brazil "is not only limited consumer choice, but also massive industrial inefficiency".

The extent of choice which today confronts the consumer of most manufactured goods is sufficiently bewildering to make its narrowing a matter for welcome by most of us, but even so would be a trivial price to pay should it lead to a sharp reduction in the 18 to 20 millions unemployed in Europe.

But it is the second of Mr Durham's contentions which really needs to be challenged, because it implies that lack of competitiveness is attributable only to manufacturing incompetence. If that was partly true in years gone by it is no longer the case. Industry in Europe today is far more efficient than anywhere else in the world outside of the USA. Its lack of competitiveness in the field of consumer goods is solely the result of being forced to bear costs which the majority of Asian and South American competitors do not pay.

Such costs include punitive company taxation in all its forms, environmental and social welfare charges at the work place, regulated working hours and wages, ever-lengthening holidays with pay, redundancy pay etc.

All these things are desirable in themselves but, if they are not applied universally, how can countries which do embrace them compete with those which don't? The mind boggles in searching for an answer but, in the meantime, let's not go on deluding ourselves about the nature of the problem.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. O'FLYNN,
Managing Director,
Booth Overseas Limited,
Grange House,
84/86 Borough High Street, SE1.
September 26.

Pricing gas

From Sir Ian Morrow

Sir, British Gas has a turnover of nearly £6bn and has built up net assets of £12bn (at current costs) and could, out of its deposits and investments, pay off all its capital liabilities. It has now for all practical purposes no external capital or borrowings. This great corporation has been financed entirely out of retained cash.

This achievement, unusual outside the Opec countries, surely indicates British Gas Corporation has pursued a high selling price policy.

Yours faithfully,
IAN MORROW,
41 Bishopsgate, EC2.
September 22.

Colourful questions

From Dr J. C. E. Jennings

Sir, The rainbow is indeed of eternal interest, but Professor Brooke (September 24) errs in describing the features he mentions as "an eternal problem."

The geometrical-optical problem is elucidated in many textbooks. The theory depends on the laws of reflection and refraction, on an understanding of the composite nature of sunlight and on knowledge of the differential calculus. As the last two were among Newton's discoveries, and the others well known to him, it is not surprising that he gave a full, quantitative account in lectures at Cambridge between 1669 and 1671, posthumously published in 1729 as *Lectiones Opticae*.

Although straightforward, the theory could scarcely be made comprehensible within the confines of a letter to *The Times*.

Yours truly,
J. C. E. JENNINGS,
University of London,
Birkbeck College,
Department of Physics,
Malet Street, WC1.
September 28.

Invalided in

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir, In your report (September 28) on letters about cricket you state that Sir John Squire's team, the Invalids, played between the wars. In fact they played for long after the Second World War.

In the summer of 1945, soon after the war with Germany had ended, I persuaded Sir John Squire to captain a team to play against the village of Fordcombe, in Kent. It was known as the Markham Arms XI, the Markham Arms in Chelsea being a pub which most of the team, Sir John and myself included, then frequented.

Two more matches were played that summer against Meopham, also in Kent. For the second of these the team was, I believe, known as Sir John Squire's XI. It certainly included Mr Percy Fender and his daughter, for I have a vivid recollection of fielding at short leg to Mr Fender's bowling.

There was, it seemed to me, no way of judging the direction in which the ball would take off on touching the ground, either before or after making contact with a bat. The opposing batsmen, I soon discovered, shared my bewilderment.

Not long afterwards the team reverted to its earlier name of the Invalids, Sir John himself remaining as enthusiastic and ineffectual as ever, whether batting, bowling or fielding.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK HOWARTH,
Special Forces Club,
8 Herbert Crescent, SW1.

Tougher prison regime

From Mr Leo Abse, MP for Torfaen (Labour)

Sir, My attention has been drawn, on my return from abroad, to Peter Evans's article, "Tougher prisons for prison toughs" (August 2) and the subsequent letter from Professor J. E. Thomas (August 8).

According to the former, Mr Jonathan Uzzell, the number three Governor at Wormwood Scrubs, has accused me of "deceit and manipulation" (Professor Thomas prefers the word "cynicism") for my part in bringing about a policy of dispersing Category A prisoners among several establishments rather than concentrating them in the oppressive fortress prison proposed by the Mountbatten report.

The fact that as a member of the Radzinowicz committee I frankly adopted a political ploy to achieve rejection of Mountbatten's proposals does not mean that our recommendation for a dispersal policy was based on weak foundations. Our report was based on a thorough first-hand study of maximum security establishments in Western Europe and the United States.

It took account, inter alia, of the latter's disastrous experience of the fortress prison Alcatraz and of the way many prisoners who had been recalcitrant there had behaved much better when dispersed to other prisons.

It drew attention to the increased risk in a concentration prison of a repressive regime and hopeless atmosphere and to the severe control problems which would result from placing the worst security risks together with no possibility of transferring them elsewhere.

Significantly, the most recent in-depth review of the prison system, the May report, of 1979, concluded, for similar reasons, that "the balance of argument is in favour of continuing with the present dispersal policy".

This does *not* mean that there is nothing wrong with the present dispersal system and there is some truth in Professor Thomas's reference to gratuitous restrictions imposed on non-Category A prisoners in dispersal prisons. Our report detailed recommendations designed to achieve a humane regime within strengthened perimeter security.

While progress has been made on some points, dispersal prisons overall fall considerably short of the liberal regime we envisaged.

We accepted the necessity, in order to maintain a liberal regime, of a segregation unit for disruptive prisoners within a larger prison, with the possibility of ready transfer between the unit and the main part of the prison.

An urgent review of regimes in dispersal prisons is indeed desirable to bring the dispersal system into line with the enlightened recommendations of the Radzinowicz report in 1968 and to learn from the more recent experience of the admirable special unit at Barlinnie prison.

Yours faithfully,
LEO ABSE,
House of Commons.
September 27.

Too close for comfort

From Mr F. S. Davidson

Sir, Local authorities do try to cater for their ratepayers' smallest needs. In the Thetford offices of this council there is a notice which reads: "Bus passes through tearoom."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
F. S. DAVIDSON,
Industrial Development Officer,
Breckland Distict Council,
The Guildhall,
East Dereham,
Norfolk.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 4: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning opened a new Food Hall at Harrods Ltd, Knightsbridge, as part of a joint event being organized between Food from Britain (Chairman, Mr N. Saphir) and Harrods Ltd (Chairman and Managing Director, Mr W. A. Cassidy).

Her Royal Highness later opened and toured an exhibition to celebrate the Bicentenary of Arthur Ackermann & Son Ltd (Managing Director, Mr A. L. Gates) at 3, Old Bond Street, W1.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, received a Land-Rover on behalf of the Fund from the Worshipful Company of Carmen, and afterwards attended a luncheon at Guildhall.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended a Fashion Show in aid of the Save the Children Fund, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Gieves and Hawkes [illegible] Branch [illegible] and Worcester.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester (Captain Thomas Dunne) and Mr R. Gieve (Director, Gieves and Hawkes Ltd).

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 4: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, today visited the 2nd Battalion at Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester, Essex.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a Fashion Show, London – a City for All Seasons, held at the Mansion House and afterwards at a Banquet in Guildhall, London.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales is to become patron of the Atlantic Salmon Trust.

Princess Alexandra will present the 1983 *Woman's Own* "Children of Courage" awards in Westminster Abbey on December 14.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Hinton of Bankside, OM, will be held in Westminster Abbey on Wednesday, October 26 1983, at 11.30am. Those intending to be present are asked to notify the Council Offices, The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, London, SW1H 9JJ, by October 10 at the latest.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of General Sir Robert Bray will be held at 11am on Tuesday, November 15, in the Chapel of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. A reception will be held after the service. Those wishing to attend are requested to notify Regimental Headquarters, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Wellesley Park, Halifax, West Yorkshire, by October 31.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of David Niven will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields on Thursday, October 27, at noon.

Memorial service

Sir Frederick Kearns
A memorial service for Sir Frederick Kearns was held at St Martin-in-the-Fields yesterday. Canon David Diamond officiated, assisted by the Rev Fred [illegible]. Mr Tom Woolley and Sir Henry Plumb read the lessons. Sir Michael Franklin (permanent secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) gave an address. Among those present were: [illegible]

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. E. Cawley and Miss M. F. Wright
The engagement is announced between James, second son of the Hon Stephen and Mrs Cawley, of Woodbay, Tilford Road, Hindhead, Surrey, and Mary Fiona, only daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs E. J. Wright, of Elm House, Ampleforth, York.

Mr J. F. W. Benn and Miss [illegible] Kattan
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Benn, of [illegible], and [illegible], daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Kattan, of [illegible], Selangor, Malaysia.

Mr M. D. Biart and Dr G. Parker
The engagement is announced between Mark Douglas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Biart, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Glynis, daughter of the late Mr Albert Parker and Mrs A. Parker, of Chingford.

Captain T. A. Coles and Miss R. J. Weaver
The engagement is announced between Timothy Coles, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), younger son of Mr and Mrs Freddie Coles, of Tonbridge Wells, Kent, and Rosemary, daughter of Major and Mrs Leonard Weaver, of Crockerton, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Mr W. P. Daniel and Miss C. F. M. Birch
The engagement is announced between William, second son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Daniel, of Quantock Farm, Enmore, Bridgwater, Somerset, and Cheridz, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. Birch, of Manor Farm, Littlewindsor, Beaminster, Dorset.

Mr N. J. Holt and Miss G. M. Mann
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs E. Holt, of Banham, Norfolk, and Georgina, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs W. N. Mann, of Dulwich, London.

Mr T. King and Miss S. Stevens
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs R. A. King, of Longfield, Wickford, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Stevens, of Luddesdown, Kent.

Mr N. J. Patten and Miss V. M. Schoeneich
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs P. G. Patten, of Goring, West Sussex, and Veronica, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Karl Schoeneich, of Aylesford, Kent.

Mr P. A. Smith and Miss J. Goldstone
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs R. K. Smith, of Knowle, Bristol, and Judith, younger daughter of Judge and Mrs P. Goldstone, of Stanmore, Middlesex.

Mr E. S. Sowerby and Miss G. A. N. Trollope
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Sowerby, of Queen Camel, Somerset, and Griselda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Trollope, of Fingringhoe, Essex.

Mr S. [illegible] Wood and Miss K. J. Smith
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr J. J. Wood, of Bromyard, Worcestershire, and Mrs E. S. Wood, of West Byfleet, Surrey, and Katharine Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Smith, of Irongate, Wootton, Hampshire.

Marriages

Wing Commander G. H. Briggs and Mrs B. E. Wilkinson
The marriage took place quietly on October 3 between Wing Commander Geoffrey Harry Briggs, of the Farmhouse, Stretlington, and Mrs Barbara Wilkinson, née Horsfield, of Tortington Priory, Arundel.

Mr N. V. Brotherton and Miss M. Muldoon
The marriage took place on Saturday, Oct 1, 1983, at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Hampstead, of Mr Nigel Brotherton and Miss Margaret Muldoon.

Mr D. T. Bowden and Miss S. Fairbairn
The marriage took place on September 24, at St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate, Yorkshire, of Mr David Bowden, only son of Mr and Mrs C. M. Bowden, and Miss Sylvia Fairbairn, twin daughter of Mr F. Fairbairn and Mrs M. P. Fairbairn.

Mr P. A. d'Anyers Willis and Miss C. M. Reeve
The marriage took place at St. Andrews Church, Steyning, Sussex, on Saturday of Mr Piers d'Anyers Willis and Miss Cecilia Reeve.
Major Edward Bolitho was best man.

Dr G. Hatcher and Mrs R. E. J. Cartier.
The marriage took place on October 1 in Brighton between Dr Geoffrey Hatcher and Mrs Elizabeth Cartier.

Mr M. Holmes and Miss. C. Izumi
The marriage took place on October 1st, 1983, in Southampton, between Mr Martin Holmes, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Holmes, of Salisbury, and Miss Chieko Izumi, daughter of Professor and Mrs Kiyoto Izumi, of Sapporo, Japan.

Mr A. P. Locke and Mrs S. E. Foden.
The marriage took place on Friday, September 16, in London between Mr Anthony Paul Locke, and Mrs Sally Elizabeth Foden.

Birthdays today

Mr Robert Adams, 66; Mr Robin Bailey, 64; Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, 56; Sir Frank Francis, 82; the Right Rev R. M. Hardy, 47; Lord Holderness, 63; Major-General G. C. Humphreys, 84; Miss Glynis Johns, 60; Mr Robert Kee, 64; Mr Bruce Millan, 56; Sir Edward Peck, 68; Mr Donald Pleasance, 64; Sir Douglas Ranger, 67; Sir John Rodgers, 77; Sir Richard Thompson, 71; Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley, 72.

Earl and Countess Spencer

Earl and Countess Spencer will be signing copies of their new book, *The Spencers on Spas* from 12.30 p.m. today, October 5, in the Kodak Photographic Gallery, 190 High Holborn, London WC1. An exhibition of photographs by Earl Spencer from the book (to be published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson at £9.95), is on display in the gallery until November 4, 1983. Admission is free.

Royal Literary Fund

The 193rd annual general meeting of the Royal Literary Fund will be held at Stationers' Hall, EC4, on Wednesday, November 16, at 3.30pm. Nominations for candidates for election to any of the positions held by officers of the fund should reach the Secretary (at 144 Temple Chambers, Temple Avenue, EC4Y ODT) in writing not later than November 1, and be signed by the candidate and the proposer (who must be a member of the corporation).

Baron Eden of Winton

The life barony conferred on Sir John Eden, Bt, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Eden of Winton, of Rushyford in the County of Durham.

Rescue bid award

Petty Officer Aircrewman John Coleman, a Royal Navy helicopter aircrewman, who dived inside a sinking trawler off Beachy Head in an attempt to rescue three fishermen is to be awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

Healthy lead

Stockholm – In the All-US bridge semi-final, the US first team was leading the US second team 234-116 after 80 boards, and France was ahead of Italy by 186-149.

Latest wills

Agnes Enid Timms, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, left estate valued at £164,437 net. She left a personal bequest of £5,000 and the residue to the Salvation Army, for the benefit of the old and crippled.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Butt, Mr Jack Wright, of Grimsby, Humberside £382,291
Emden, Mrs Jean Alison, of Hove, East Sussex £353,028
Hill, Mr Ernest Reginald Hutchinson, of Billingshurst, West Sussex, underwriting member of Lloyds £572,833
Macdonald, Mr Archibald James Florence, of Hampstead, London, Liberal MP for Roxborough and Selkirk 1950-51 .... £292,199
Marshall, Margery Ina, of Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester £444,824
Tustain, Mr Colin Maurice, of Leicester, chartered accountant £434,198
Wooden, Mrs Angela Mary, of 250 Durango, Colorado, US, estate in England and Wales £580,763

Carmen's Company

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund and Honorary Liveryman of the Carmen's Company, received a Land-Rover, donated by the Carmen's Company for the fund's use in the Upper Volta, at Guildhall yesterday. Mr C. A. Hart, Master, made the presentation.

Glovers' honour

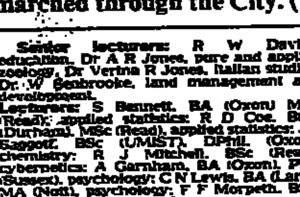
Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, First Sea Lord, were yesterday made members of the Glovers' Company of London.

Church news

Appointments
The Very Rev R A Bird, Dean and Vicar of Battle, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar, Castle Hedingham, diocese of Chelmsford.
The Rev G L Brockhouse, assistant Lazenby Chaplain with the Chaplaincy Team of Exeter University, diocese of Exeter, to be Vicar, Marldon, same diocese.
The Rev K Clapham, curate-in-charge, St Michael's and All Angels, Great Houghton, diocese of Sheffield, to be priest-in-charge, [illegible] Kellet, and deanery youth chaplain for Tunstall Deanery, diocese of Blackburn.
The Rev J A Cox, Vicar, St Agnes and St Paul's, Reading, diocese of Oxford, to be Vicar, Chaddesley Corbett [illegible] Stone, diocese of Worcester.
The Rev T G Downs, to be [illegible] charge, Kirkland, diocese of Carlisle.
The Rev D B Douglas, [illegible] group of parishes, diocese of [illegible], to be Rector, [illegible] and priest-in-charge, [illegible], same diocese.
The Rev N Griffiths, to be [illegible] Lowther with Askham, diocese of Carlisle.
Canon I M Griggs, Vicar, St Mary's and All Saints, Kidderminster, diocese of Worcester, and an honorary canon of Worcester Cathedral, to be Archdeacon of Ludlow, diocese of Hereford.
The Rev C C Hughes, Vicar, Buckland Monachorum, diocese of Exeter, to be Rector, Ashtead, diocese of Guildford.
The Rev S W M Hartley, Vicar, Snitterfield with Bearley, diocese of Coventry, to be Vicar, Exhall, Coventry, same diocese.
The Rev G G Holman, Senior Chaplain, NE District (Imphal Barracks, York), to be priest-in-charge, Garton-on-the-Wolds with Kirkburn, with pastoral care of Wetwang, diocese of York.

Resignations and retirements
Canon P Bradshaw, Vice-Dean and Residentiary canon of Norwich Cathedral, diocese of Norwich, to retire and become a canon emeritus of Norwich Cathedral, same diocese.
Canon K H Druitt, Vicar, St Mary's with St Stephen's, Walthamstow, diocese of Chelmsford, to resign and retire on April 30, 1984 and become a canon emeritus of Chelmsford Cathedral.





The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Anthony Jolliffe, presenting the Queen's badge to three members of the Boys' Brigade, (from left) Stephen Long and Michael Ball, of Brighton, and Simon Lemielly, of Southampton, as part of the brigade's centenary day yesterday. Boys' Brigade bands later marched through the City. (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

University news

Oxford
Elections
KEBLE COLLEGE: senior research fellowships in engineering: G T Houlsby, MA, DPhil; KA junior research fellowship: D S Eastwood, BA.

Glasgow
The university omitted the following names from its list of first-class honours degrees: Faculty of Science, BSc: Pharmacology: Linda J M MacMillan, Hyndland Sec S, Glasgow; A D Macrae, Penilee Sec S, Glasgow.

UMIST
Grants
Medical Research Council: £49,107 to Dr M D Houslay for research into the regulation of adenylate cyclase by its membrane environment.
UK Atomic Energy Authority: £56,394 to Professor P Burberry for field trials of condensing boilers.
Central Electricity Generating Board: £47,822 to Dr G E Thompson for research into the atmospheric corrosion of overhead high voltage transmission lines.
Department of Energy: £40,007 to Professor F M Burdekin to study fatigue crack propagation in tubular joints by fracture mechanics analysis.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £140,000 to Dr S G Oliver and Dr R W Davies for research into DNA sequence analysis of the molecule of chromosome III of saccharomyces cerevisiae; £195,416 to Professor E T Powner and Dr M G Hartley for digital systems laboratories; £54,700 to Dr A R Peaker to study process induced defects in silicon devices.

Wales
The following have been granted personal chairs:
Dr M. F. Claridge, department of zoology, University College, Cardiff; Dr H. R. Evans, department of civil and structural engineering, University College, Cardiff; Mr D. L. Foulkes, department of law, UWIST; Dr G. M. Powell, department of Biochemistry, University College, Cardiff.
Readerships: Dr W T Coakley, department of microbiology, University College, Cardiff; Mr W M Tydeman, department of English, University College of North Wales, Bangor.

Reading
Appointments
Readers: R J Bradley, lecturer in archaeology; V W E Moore, senior lecturer in law; Dr P S Noble, senior lecturer in French studies.
Senior lecturers: R W Davies, education; Dr A R Jones, pure and applied zoology; Dr Verina R Jones, Italian studies; Dr W Seabrooke, land management and development.
Lecturers: S Bennett, BA (Oxon) MSc (Read), applied statistics; R D Coe, BSc (Durham), MSc (Read), applied statistics; J E Baggott, BSc (UMIST), DPhil (Oxon), chemistry; R J Mitchell, BSc (Read), cybernetics; A Garnham, BA (Oxon), PhD (Sussex), psychology; C N Lewis, BA (Lanc), MA (Nott), psychology; F F Morpeth, BSc, PhD (Hull), food technology.

Grants
Agricultural Research Council: £41,757 to Professor R R Dils and Dr C J Skidmore for research on the structure and expression of the gene for fatty acid synthetase; £39,135 to Professor T R Morris and Dr M J Bryant for a study of twinning in beef cattle.
Medical Research Council: £88,122 to Dr W C L Ford, for research on metabolic defects of the testis and spermatozoa in the action of male contraceptives and to infertility.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £50,296 to Professor R C Newman for infra-red studies of defect centres in silicon; £40,603 to Professor J Bennett for research on satisfaction of client requirements using the JCT with contractors' design form of design-built contract; £34,650 to Dr Nancy K Nichols for research on optimal control problems in tidal power generation.
EFAMOL Ltd: £44,100 to Professor H E Nursten for investigation on the sources, properties and production of biologically essential fatty acids.
Overseas Development Administration: £89,300 to M J Rolls for a fertiliser education project in India.

Brunel
Grants
BP Research Centre: £81,327 to Professor B R Jennings for a study of electrostatic coalescence of colloid dispersions.
Leverhulme Trust: £54,617 to Dr T A Addis for the development of machine-independent specifications for computers; £62,450 to Professor M Kogan and Mrs D Johnson, for a study of patterns of coexistence in the public and private sectors of education.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £45,073 to Professor A J Reynolds, Dr R H M Wakelin and Dr C Clark for research into ventilation generated by a fluctuating pressure differential; £41,605 to Professor Reynolds, Mrs D J Shawe and Dr A J Ward-Smith for research into flow in wide-angle screened diffusers; £48,330 to Dr T S Eyre for a study of the effect of surface treatments and lubricant formulation on camshaft and tappet wear.
SERC Polyliha Ltd: £91,610 to Professor M J Bevis and Dr J A Bowman for a teaching company programme between Brunel and Polylina.
SERC, Metal Box Ltd: £170,366 to Professor R Will, Dr G Mullineux and Dr A J Medland for a teaching company programme between Brunel and Metal Box.
Transport and Road Research Laboratory: £142,573 to Mr A L Yettram for accident studies and related component testing.
Department of Health and Social Security: £76,653 to Dr M J Bennett and Professor Reynolds for screening trials with the auditory response cradle.

Dinners

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mr Colin Hitchings, President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. Mr A. Driver, Chairman of South West Thames Regional Health Authority, also spoke.

Allied Brewery Traders' Association
Mr Michael Chalcraft, President of the Institute of Brewing, and Mr David L. Cox, President of the Incorporated Brewers' Guild, were the guests of honour at the chairman's dinner of the Allied Brewery Traders' Association given last night by Mr Guy F. Symondson at 20 St James's Square.

Meeting

English-Speaking Union
Mr John Griffiths, QC, spoke on Hongkong Today at a meeting of the English-Speaking Union current affairs forum at Dartmouth House last night. Mr David Griffiths, director of the forum, was in the chair.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Melvyn P. K. Barnes, Westminster City Librarian, to be Librarian of Guildhall Library, City.

Mr Roger Singleton to be senior director of Dr Barnardo's, in succession to Miss Mary G. Joynson.

Mr Hector MacKenzie to be assistant general secretary of the Confederation of Health Service Employees.

Mr Stewart Purvis to be Editor of ITN's Channel Four News from October 17.

OBITUARY

PROF M. W. FLINN
Leading economic historian

Professor M. W. Flinn, who died suddenly on September 28, at the age of 65, was a leading specialist on the economic and social history of Britain in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. His academic career was remarkable in that he was already 41 when he joined the small but growing team of economic historians at Edinburgh University where he was to serve with distinction.

Michael Flinn was born on October 22, 1917, at Fallowfield, Manchester. He left William Hulme's Grammar School after taking Higher School Certificate and entered a firm of cotton exporters. He served in the army throughout the war.

After a brief spell back in his old firm, he decided that the faltering cotton trade was not for him, took a History degree and a diploma in education at Manchester, and became a teacher at Grangefield Grammar School, Stockton.

In the meantime he had embarked upon a master's thesis at Manchester.

He was appointed Research Fellow at Aberdeen University from 1953-5, but this did not lead to a hoped-for university post and for the next four years he taught at Isleworth Grammar School.

In the meantime he continued his researches which were on the iron industry, editing for the Surtees Society *The Law Book of the Crowley Ironworks* in 1957 and publishing, among other articles, a masterly survey of the growth of the English iron industry between 1660 and 1760.

As a member of the very impressive teaching staff at Edinburgh University, he came into his own. His book on the Crowleys was published in 1962 and he became known to a far wider public by his two textbooks on British economic and social history, published in 1961 and 1963.

He also managed to persuade his publishers, and the Economic History Society to embark upon the series *Studies in Economic and Social History*, hundreds of thousands of copies of which were sold all over the world. He himself edited the first 20 titles between 1968 and 1977.

His own interests turned more to social, and especially medical and demographic, history. His edition of Edwin Chadwick's *Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population in Great Britain, 1842* (1965) is a classic of its kind and his volume on British population growth in this series was a masterpiece of summary of what had been written on the subject down to 1970. A spate of publications during the 1960s and early 1970s culminated in a pioneer volume on Scottish historical demography between the seventeenth century and the 1930s, financed by the Social Science Research Council and directed by him with the support of five of his colleagues.

Edinburgh awarded him a DLitt in 1965 and it was to a personal chair of Social History that he was appointed two years later.

Despite all this scholarly activity, he did not dodge administrative duties. He was *inter alia*, Dean of the Faculty and, for a time, Principal Warden of Edinburgh's many halls of residence.

He also organized for the International Economic History Association its very large Congress at Edinburgh in 1978.

It was, however, as an inspired teacher, both at school and at university, that many will remember him.

Gifted amateur musician himself, he married a professional musician and, during the 1970s, found himself a member, and subsequently chairman, of the Music Panel of the Scottish Arts Council.

A series of lectures at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, formed the basis of his last published book and, shortly before his death, he sent off the corrected proofs of a major work on the British coal industry between 1700 and 1830 which was the first volume to appear in an important series commissioned by the National Coal Board.

His wife, Grace, and their two sons survive him.

FREDDY MARTIN

Freddy Martin, the American bandleader whose music, a near relative of jazz, was popular with dancers during the big band era, died in California on September 30.

In 1941 his adaptation of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto in B flat, retitled "Tonight We Love", provided him with his most successful recording and became his signature tune.

Science report

Vaccine to fight strains of flu virus

[illegible] Wright, Science Editor

Why is it so difficult to develop an effective vaccine against influenza? That question lies behind a number of research projects into unravelling how strains of the influenza virus differ.

Infection by the virulent influenza A virus is a cause of an appreciable number of deaths each year, and there is a latent threat of repetition of the "pandemics" which occurred in 1919, 1957 and 1968.

Unlike many other virus infections, protection provided by the body from previous infections is poor in influenza because of the appearance of mutant virus strains and new subtypes that evade the defence mechanism that is acquired against the original strain.

Hence, vaccines that boost the defence against a specific strain are of limited value, although they provide some degree of cross-protective immunity.

An alternative defence mechanism which has been explored by a research group at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, and the department of virology at the medical school of Sheffield University could lead to a method of protection against all strains of the influenza virus.

The idea rests on development of the second level of protection that the body provides through the so-called T cells which are made in bone marrow about two to three days after the onset of an infection.

T cells differ from the antibodies which are produced by natural infection and which neutralize viruses as soon as they infect the body. The method of protection by T cells is to clean up tissue after it has been infected, but it reduces the attack because the T cells remove tissue in which viruses are trying to multiply to extend the infection.

However, a report in the latest issue of *Lancet* by the Oxford and Sheffield team shows that the protection offered by T cells is short term compared with that provided by antibodies against a specific strain of virus.

Whereas individuals infected as long as 50 years ago still have antibodies against the particular strain of virus which attacked them, the T cell response only lasts for a few years. Measurements in 189 individuals in the six years between 1977 and 1982 showed a sharp decline in their T cell stimulation after their original infection with an influenza virus.

The findings indicate that by 1982 only 15 per cent of the population would be protected that way, compared with 70 per cent in 1977 to 1978, or the year after the infections occurred.

Professor A. J. McMichael, of the Nuffield department of medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital, said yesterday the research group was some way from devising a vaccine which could guarantee to have the cross-reactivity of T cell immunity against all strains of virus.

The research teams do not know which component of particular viruses causes the stimulation of the T cell mechanism. When that is discovered, the possibility of making a vaccine that is effective against all types of influenza might be possible.

Law Report October 5 1983 Court of Appeal

Effect of Scarman reforms

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Dillon, in the Court of Appeal on October 4, reported on the effect since October, 1982, of the introduction of the Scarman committee reforms.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the number of appeals outstanding in the civil division had fallen from about 1,100 to about 930 and that the average waiting period for two-judge cases had been reduced from about nine to 10 months to about six to seven. His Lordship hoped that the average delay of 12 to 14 months in three-judge appeals would be reduced during the coming legal year.

Those figures were averages and while priority appeals were heard more quickly, the delay in hearing other appeals could be longer.

During the year the court had done something to discourage unmeritorious appeals by a system of selective listing designed to make it unprofitable to launch an appeal solely in order to achieve delay.

The best example was a possession case where the occupier faced with an eviction order used to regard giving notice of appeal as a normal reaction which could be guaranteed to [illegible] extended period [illegible] occupation. While he recognized [illegible] he would have [illegible] spread over [illegible] anticipated [illegible] surcharge on the rent.

It was now becoming known that such appeals received priority in listing and that any postponement of the eviction would be short unless the appeal succeeded. Rather more thought was therefore being given to the question of whether, in the light of the costs involved, an appeal was justified.

The proportion of appeals dismissed by consent or by the court after the hearing was about 77 per cent. That suggested that some parties and their legal advisers did not fully appreciate that it was a waste of time and money to launch an appeal unless there were real grounds for submitting that the trial judge had erred. His Lordship hoped that those who were called upon to advise aspiring appellants would keep that well in mind.

There was little doubt that the extension of the requirements for leave to appeal under the County Court Appeals Order (SI 1981 No 1794) had made a valuable contribution. Consideration would no doubt be given to extending that requirement to other categories of appeal, but more statistical information upon success rates was needed before it could be done.

That and much other relevant information would be more readily available if the civil division's records were to be transferred to and maintained on a micro-computer. The practicability of such a change was the subject of a feasibility study.

The submission of written skeleton arguments by all parties had helped the judges to appreciate the point of the appeal at the outset and to get to the argument on that point as quickly as possible.

The actual form of the skeleton argument varied from appeal to appeal and counsel were still [illegible] what was most suitable. [illegible] documents were admirable, but occasionally counsel were carried away by their enthusiasm for the merits of their client's case and by their intricate knowledge of the law.

To the latter his Lordship would say that they should remember that the operative word in the phrase was "skeleton". There was no intention of moving over to a system of written briefs to the court, that being wholly alien to tradition.

The handing down of written judgments had certainly made a significant contribution to the improved state of the lists. His Lordship had received representations on the problem of obtaining copies and what use might be made of them [illegible] those [illegible].

From time to time the court would be concerned with cases of peculiar sensitivity in which it would not be in the public interest to make any copies of the judgments available before they were handed down. In such cases, which were rare, the court would hand down the judgments and adjourn for such time as was necessary to enable all concerned to study the judgments before making any consequential applications.

The usual practice would be to make copies available to counsel in advance of the handing down. Previously those copies were confidential to counsel, but in future they would be confidential to counsel and his instructing solicitors.

Both would be free to communicate the substance of the judgments to their clients not more than one hour before the judgments were to be handed down and at that time would be able to give such advice as was appropriate.

In future counsel, their instructing solicitors and their clients would be free to make such copies as they wished for their personal use without further order.

Transcripts of the official shorthand note would continue to be the authoritative record of the proceedings.

During the legal vacation 14 urgent appeals were disposed of in August and two divisions of the court sat during September disposing of 38 appeals.

It was sometimes suggested that the vacations should be abolished and that the court should sit continuously throughout the year, judicial and other leave being staggered. That was a much more complex problem than might at first appear.

Urgent appeals would continue to be heard in August and divisions of the court would sit regularly in September, but any more radical change would require careful consideration in the light of experience and in the light of consultation with all affected.

Now that the Scarman reforms were fully operative, there was little scope for further increases in productivity without some increase in the judicial strength of the Court of Appeal. Given the existing numbers, the number of appeals awaiting hearing and the consequent delays would continue to be unduly high for some time. That aspect of the problem was also under consideration.

His Lordship paid tribute to the great assistance that the court had received from both branches of the legal profession and from the members of other professions and groups regularly in contact with the court. Significant improvements had been made during the year which would have been quite impossible but for that assistance.

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Albert Finney, John Huston and Jacqueline Bisset are among the team in a small Mexican town making the long awaited cinema version of *Under the Volcano*, Malcolm Lowry's celebrated novel – a project which has defeated the ambitions of many great directors and actors. From the set, **Ivor Davis** traces the story of a production on which many hopes are pinned. Below, **Melinda Camber Porter** talks to Finney about his portrayal of the doomed British consul at the centre of an epic tragedy

On top of the volcano



For Jacqueline Bisset, a chance to redeem herself after the flops

Yautepec, Mexico

It is twilight in the plaza of this tiny Mexican town, 35 miles from Cuernavaca. The Day of the Dead, that uniquely Mexican holiday which is part Lenten Carnival, part Halloween, is drawing to a close. A raggle-taggle band of slightly off-key musicians is leading the annual procession of skeletons, ghosts and red-cloaked devils bearing flaming torches through the narrow streets and into the square.

Four nightmarish monks wearing full masks and wild straw wigs, a small black coffin borne on their shoulders, lurch behind the tin-toned trumpeters. As the procession reaches the centre of the square, a small boy in a skeleton mask pops out, jack-in-the-box style, and begins conducting the band, while children dance alongside in time to the music.

Enter, from another corner of the square, Albert Finney dressed in a baggy Thirties-style suit and shoes worn without socks. His bearing is exaggeratedly erect: shoulders back, chest thrust forward, gait just a mite unsteady. He is followed by a mangy street dog.

Finney stops, briefly addresses the dog and then ambles over to the vine-hung facade of the Hotel Bella Vista, which he enters in the company of a group of elegantly dressed gentlemen in wing collars, and ladies in bias-cut gowns and marcelled hairdos. A banner slung across the street proclaims: *"Gran Baile-Noviembre 1938: Beneficio de la Cruz Roja"*.

Afficionados of Malcolm Lowry's powerful novel *Under the Volcano* will recognize the figure of the former British consul Geoffrey Firman, holding himself painfully together while permanently soaked in alcohol, maintaining, with the greatest of difficulty, the illusion that his life is not all anger, pain, sadness and waste.

Here in Yautepec a team including the director John Huston, the veteran cinematographer Gabriel Figueroa and actors Albert Finney, Jacqueline Bisset and Anthony Andrews are recreating the story, set in Mexico in the late Thirties, while the world outside was falling apart.

Long admired for its blend of rich symbolism, humanitarianism, humour and profound melancholy, it has defeated many a film-maker since its publication in 1974. Only a partial list of those who have tried and failed to make it work for the screen would include the directors Luis Buñuel, Jules Dassin and Joseph Losey and the authors Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Ronald Harewood. Richard Burton, Jack Nicholson and the late Robert Shaw are among the actors who have wanted to play the consul.

The plaza in Yautepec, with its ferris wheel and carnival rides – imported for the film, to the delight of the town's children, who can ride them free – and elegant hotel facade, hastily constructed across the front of a broken-down old hostelry, seems so much an illusion that the people who have created it still cannot quite believe that they are here.



Huston: gnarled but grand

John Huston, gnarled grand old man of the American cinema, sits in a white golf cart from which he rarely stirs, his eyes focused keenly on its tiny video screen which monitors the images recorded by the camera. At 77, he is a shadow of a figure once so imposing: his legs are elongated and thinned out like a stork's, his chest is hollow, his belly droops. But the eyes still have wit and intelligence, and age has enforced a calm sobriety.

His assistant barks orders to the cast and crew. Around Huston are no fewer than three producers (one Irish, two German) and an intense young screenwriter whose eyes dart from Huston's to the video screen, to the set and back, soaking up the experience of his first assignment.

One of the producers, a lean, bearded man dressed all in white, is called Wieland Schulz-Keil. He is the reason that they are all here. A writer and philosopher, he read Lowry's book at 18, and four years ago hired a lawyer to begin the complex business of acquiring the rights.

"I got them in February last and paid $350,000 for them," he says. "But because of a complicated system instituted by the agent for Lowry's widow, each purchaser had to pay the full price for the rights every time they changed hands, rather than just option money."

Schulz-Keil took the rights to Huston, who had already by his own count seen some 150 different script versions of the book over the years.

Huston brought in a young Irish executive producer, Michael Fitzgerald, with whom he had made the prize-winning *Wiseblood*, from Flannery O'Connor's short story, in 1979. Sitting on the mock verandah of the mock Hotel Bella Vista, Fitzgerald – son of the poet and classical translator Robert Fitzgerald – washed the dust out of his throat with an *agua minerale* and explained: "John and I had been working on another film, which fell apart just as Wieland came to us with *Volcano*. It was ideal Huston material. Nobody knows Mexico and Mexican culture like John. He's been here since the Twenties."

Schulz-Keil went off to find the money. With Huston's reputation, a renowned novel and a tight budget – some $4m – it should have been easy. It was not. Everyone turned him down flat.

"No one would back Huston," Schulz-Keil recalls. "I was told he was too old, he'd had too many flops. I couldn't believe it. Here was one of the legends and we couldn't raise a nickel on his name."

For Schulz-Keil the irony reached its height at the American Film Institute's grandiose tribute to Huston in Hollywood. "All the moguls who had been turning me down were up there singing his praises. It was quite disgusting. By the end of the evening I was so angry I actually physically attacked a couple of film executives as they left the hotel."

But the event was not a complete waste. The new head of the Mexican Film Commision, Alberto Isaac, was a guest. The name Huston still means something in Mexico and Isaac committed $1.5m of his government's money. Universal Classics came up with another $1m and Schulz-Keil rounded up the rest. Only the script remained to be completed.

In 1979 Guy Gallo was a young undergraduate at Harvard when he read *Under the Volcano*. "I'd picked up the *New York Times Magazine* survey of the favourite books of well-known writers. *Under the Volcano* was on everybody's list. I did two critical papers on it and later as a graduate student at Yale Drama school wrote a screenplay of it, just as an exercise."

Fitzgerald, whose father had taught Gallo at Harvard, called him on a different project and asked for some samples of his writing. Gallo mentioned the Lowry script, and sent it for inspection. Fitzgerald handed it on to Huston, with the result that the veteran director and the novice scriptwriter spent four months in Puerto Vallarta, chiselling away at five or six rewrites, each version sparer and more economical than the last.

Eventually there was a finished product. "I had read Lowry's letter to his agent after he and his wife did a screenplay for *Tender is the Night*," Gallo says. "He wrote: 'I've left out enough for a Puccini opera'. In that case, I've left out enough for two."

The moguls who ran from it obviously feared a slow, ponderous atmosphere piece. Those fears, Fitzgerald says, were groundless. "It may be melancholy, but it moves at a very fast pace. It doesn't brood along. To some extent it's a love story. There are many, many elements that should be recognizable even to the monsters who control Hollywood."

There is no mistaking the attentive air which envelopes the set. "A number of people here have wanted to do this for a decade or more," Gallo explains. Like the rest of the team, he appears to be completely immersed in every minute detail of the picture, leading the film's star Albert Finney to remark, somewhat cynically, "There do seem to be rather a lot of people on the bridge for such an intimate film, don't there?"

For Finney, this may be the chance to show that he really belongs up there in the Olivier/Richardson/Guinness first division. "Albert wanted to work with John again, but on a real Huston movie," says Fitzgerald. "*Annie* was just showbiz. John thinks it's the best performance he's ever had anything to do with." Anthony Andrews, Finney's co-star, agrees: "If Albert gets this even half right, it'll put him right back at the top of the pile."

For Andrews this is his first big-screen American film with a "name" director. His acting triumphs on television – *Brideshead Revisited*, *Danger UXB* and *The Scarlet Pimpernel* – have given him an enviable reputation. Now all he needs is the clout to get major movie roles.

For Jacqueline Bisset, playing the consul's long-suffering wife, it is a chance to redeem herself after a series of expensive and exploitative flops, to prove that underneath the beauty and flip intelligence of this international star there really is an actress.

The fate of them all, however, hangs on Huston. Will *Volcano* the film mark a return to the greatness of yore? The third member of the production triumvirate, Moritz Borman, says: "We're not making *ET* here. We're all waiting for something great. That's why there's such an air of concentration and excitement. We know this could be another *Sierra Madre*, another *African Queen*."

Finney: anguish in Eden

"You can't say 'My God, this film is profound and intensely personal and other-worldly'. It is. But it's the same if you play King Lear or Hamlet. If you think like that you can never do it", says Albert Finney, reflecting on the weighty task he has undertaken.

Under the Volcano has attracted many screenwriters, and John Huston has searched for a version which would clean away the heavy symbolism and reveal the narrative. On the Day of the Dead in the town of Quahnahuac, Geoffrey Firmin, a former British Consul, prays for the return of his wife, Yvonne, who has left him, ostensibly because of his severe alcoholic habit. The Consul also receives a "visitation" from Hugh, his half-brother, who has become engaged to Yvonne. The Return of the Dead, which is being celebrated with pagan insouciance by the religious Mexicans, is experienced by the Consul with the anguished consciousness of a man bereft of religious certainty and the hope of redemption.

At the end of this one day, the Consul meets his death, at the hands of the Nazi-financed Mexican police. As John Huston points out, "Wouldn't God have a drink, if he took a good look at the world he created?" For both Huston and Finney, the film is not a case-history of an alcoholic but rather an exploration of a sensitive and heroic individual's search for belonging in the world. I asked Huston whether he had discussed his intentions fully with Finney, since Huston is renowned for his solely practical, down-to-earth guidance of actors, and brushes off metaphysics with a twinkling smile or a wry joke.

"Actually, yes. It was important that Finney and I discussed the significance of the book. So long as the Consul comes out heroic and true, that's all that matters. I believe that we do feel the same way about the character, more or less. In fact, we had a rather long session, and I don't normally do that with actors. Once I've made a decision in the casting I tend to leave it up to the actor, and I just tell them when they're going a little wrong on the set."

It seems, in practice, that it is up to Finney to make the final decision as to the emotional and metaphysical significance of the Consul's experience. I asked him if he felt any affinity with the



Finney: wry self-portrait

character. "In no way have I ever been as self-destructive as the Consul. If I were to relate my own experience to the state of the Consul in the screenplay, I would say that my depressions and highs are like mounds and hillocks compared to his mountain ranges. And therefore all I can try to do is extend imaginatively my own mediocre ups and downs and try to chart the extremities that are his."

As Finney underlines the essential differences between himself and the Consul, a wry self-portrait begins to emerge: "In fact, there were times when I was a young actor, and this is not news, when – I came to call it the Barrymore syndrome – I thought in order to be admired I had to drink a bit. And that it was romantic. It was the self-destructive urge that was romantic and I imagined women would flutter around me to save me, you know? I mean, I might have little excursions into cul de sacs where I got a bit far that way. But it was not destined to be my road through life. And so I realized that I would have no get-out clause as an older actor. No one would be saying 'Oh, if only he hadn't become an alcoholic, he would have been the greatest ever'."

Finney suggests: "The alcohol gives the Consul a degree of objectivity and heightened consciousness. It's the way actors have – a common example – your father dies and you're sad, and you're also watching half of yourself being sad about your father dying. It's not just actors who have that. But an actor is more aware of saying, well, I'll use that one day, and it's not callous. Because one is still moved, one is still desperate and unhappy. But you're also recording it."

On set, and in the hotel gardens at Cuernavaca, playing tennis or entertaining a dinner table with his anecdotes, Finney maintains an inner core of concentration. Even at his wittiest and most outgoing, one feels he is within himself, meditating on the role. "When I'm acting I can't be aware of metaphysics as such. I can from time to time maybe allow some deep thoughts to go through my head. This is what often creates a sense of irony. The metaphysical side, I think, hopefully, is in the feel of the film. I mean it would be marvellous if what is captured is something sort of strange and elusive but almost unspoken behind and underneath the narrative that goes forward, underneath this impossible love story and underneath these impossible relationships. And that is up to everybody, not least John.

"One can't possibly feel 'Oh, this is a great weight'. One's got to keep it light and joke about it and laugh about it. These [illegible] can't do that. They inevitably cannot actually stop the tragic machine. They just have to go on. That's what tragedy is, isn't it? Something that was supposed to be. And yet it happens: Hamlet and Lear and all the others, they're caught up in something which inevitably leads to death. And here, I suppose, one is talking about a character who does not (like most Shakespearian characters) clear it up or see the light or become simple. Lear, from being a barbaric, autocratic fascist, becomes a human being through tremendous pain and experience. But he does become a human being. He becomes simple. He becomes a man. And this guy Firmin doesn't, actually – that doesn't happen to him. He does stand up for Yvonne's letter. As he's dying he has faith in her letter, and her love. Maybe that, in a way, is the optimistic note. That's the clarifying, pure sound in the last movement of the piece. The characters in *Under the Volcano* can't stop this final, tragic movement towards death. It sounds easy to us. Doesn't it?"

moreover...
Miles Kington

Ripest reading yet

It's time once again for the final stages of the Moreover Book Prize, which is given every year to the novel which, in the opinion of the judges, was the most rattling good read. The winner gets an evening out with Barry Norman and a chance to autograph his or her novel for the judges.

The panel of judges this year consists of Antonia Person, the novelist; Roddy Nosegay, who edited the *Tatler* in the three days after Tina Brown left and before Libby Purves arrived; Reg Varlet, manager of W. H. Smith's bookshop at the Pork Scratchings motorway service area; Viv Cabriolet, the feminist racing driver, and the distinguished Liverpool poet, Rod Skews. They have narrowed their short-list down to the following four stunning novels.

A Man like Pirelli *by Cressida Wallet.*
Judy is a disillusioned calendar model who, although her picture hangs semi-nude in every garage in the Western world and has done for about seven years, feels frustrated by her role in life. She meets Rand Sabra, a mysterious figure whose aim in life is to write the great Indian novel or, failing that, to open a restaurant in Westbourne Grove. His problem is that he has never been to India. When Judy is offered a modelling job for six months in the south of India, she is tempted to say no, but Rand wants her to accept so that he can go with her. Eventually they compromise: he goes instead of her and dresses in women's clothes which gives him a curious feeling of fulfilment he has never known before. Meanwhile, Judy meets and marries Ralph, a dwarf peace-marcher who claims to have built his own cruise missile in his Essex back garden and to have it trained on Washington. The novel ranges powerfully over the dissolution of life as we know it and includes some tantalizing Indian recipes.

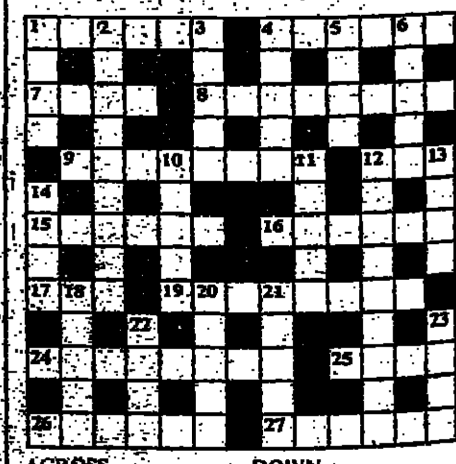
A Bed to Nowhere *by J. R. M. Krantz.*
Set in medieval Albania, this powerful and disturbing novel traces the fortunes of Prebz, a wandering eel-trainer. Prebz's strange powers over the eels, who will dance intricate patterns to his command, seem to suggest a link between man and the animal kingdom which has vanished today; also, if the tricks fail he can always eat the eels. Summoned to the Royal Palace in Tirana to perform for the king, he unfortunately finds himself blown off-course in his ship and lands on a desolate part of the Welsh coastline, where he meets and falls in love with Blodwen, a saint who does miracles but only in the dark. She turns him into an eel.

The Midnight Pumpkin *by Arthur Furlong.*
An enormous novel set in ancient Greece, it deals with the encounter between the philosoher Polypides and a migrant Indian scribe who wants to write the ultimate Indian three-act tragedy. They both meet and fall in love with Baldwin, a Welsh slave girl who has been given her freedom and now runs a rather smart boutique in downtown Athens. Unbeknownst to each other, they both marry her. The author seems to be saying that East can meet West through the Celtic twilight; on the other hand, he may just be treating bigamy as a social problem.

The Siberian Delicatessen *by Yakmar Schildkraut.*
This long but pungent novel is set in a disused railway station on the Trans-Siberian Railway Line where two dwarf brothers build up a thriving business derailing express trains and then selling first-aid kits to the passengers. Into their lives comes Sindi, an Indian salesman who is obsessed with writing a railway travel book like Paul Theroux, but with more technical detail about the insides of engines. He proposes to the two dwarfs that they should open a small take-away Indian food stall but, angered because he is bigger and browner than they, they throw him into Lake Virkutsk, where he is eaten by eels. Or is he? Schildkraut is very good on the technical side of rail crashes, and the fact that the dwarfs speak throughout in Siberian dialect has its own kind of magic.

The winner will be announced next week by Sir Hugo French, deputy export manager of Moreover Enterprises Ltd.

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7 Bend double (4)
8 Amorous adventurer (8)
9 Airline waiting list (8)
12 Support (3)
15 Russian peasant (6)
16 Sibling's son (6)
17 Which person (3)
19 Witty remarks (8)
24 Cause of change (8)
25 Wood knot (4)
26 Irritability (6)
27 Refer for consideration (6)

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11 Bullock (5)
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13 Daybreak (4)
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20 Fee giver (5)
21 Barbarians (5)
22 Light holder (4)
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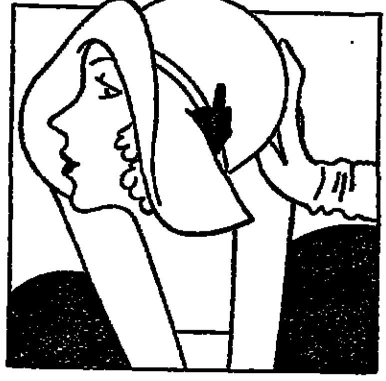
WEDNESDAY PAGE

JOANNA LUMLEY'S DIARY

Dressed to kill . . . or resurrect



I can remember Jean Muir when she was Jane and Jane. I worked for her as a house model, when I was 18, on the third floor of a tall building in Great Portland Street. Sometimes I sewed on labels and packed dresses, sometimes ran errands, and even occasionally manned the switchboard. (Although it was not a complicated machine, I feared it, and once cut off the editor of American *Vogue* calling from New York.) Mostly I showed the collection to buyers from large stores, or stood while dresses were fitted on me. On Thursday, I had the chance to scrutinize some of her new range for men: cashmere jerseys, loose and wide-necked, dressing-gowns to summon the Master himself back from the dead, and some moiré trousers to make you suck your teeth. Once, several years ago, I saw a white silk jersey shirt on the Hampstead Theatre stage. It was travelling about on the body of Tom Conti (there! black hair and white shirt again) and the play was *Don*



Juan. The combination seemed then impossibly glamorous, remote and inimitable: now, at a stroke (and with a handful of coins) you too can enslave the women of your choice. I shall not be accepting excuses.

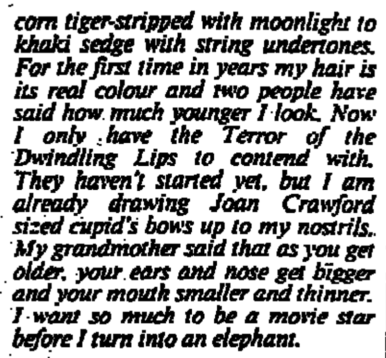
Addressing a letter to a young soldier in the Falkland Islands, I was disturbed to see that the BFPO number was 666. This seems to be and oversight on someone's part. Revelations Chapter XIII is quite clear about the figure – six hundred three score and six – and it is not a good number. It would be sensible to change it quickly, without fuss or bother. There are plenty of other numbers to choose. If any man have an ear, let him hear.

Reversed the Spivmobile into a rather tricky parking space and, forgetting the tow-bar, utterly crunched the van behind. There was a short silence, and then the door opened and the driver got out slowly. He accepted my apologies and pound notes with dignity and kindness. Suddenly I have a flashback to my sister and me walking past a shockingly overgrown garden in the village. We stood and looked over the hedge. "What a mess!", "I'd cut all those down," "Eugh! What a rotten gardener", "How frightful", "Poor flowers", and so forth. A figure rose up from a crouching position behind the hedge, three feet from our noses, clutching a handful of weeds. We walked away with measured tread, not daring to look at each other. I wonder how many more unseen victims await me.

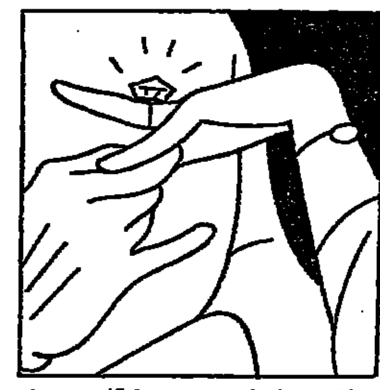
Although my telephone number is ex-directory, I often converse with perfect strangers. This is because I am suffering from Crossed Lines. Like jury duty, your turn comes round, and you must grin and bear it until it passes. The record this week is three different dialled interruptions in a five-and-a-half-minute call. Some people are very civil ("I'm SO sorry . . .", "No no, my fault", "Good luck next time!": a chummy Blitz spirit): others are less so. "There's someone listening in, Reggie." (Me): "I'm SO sorry . . ." (Him): "Get off the line, please." (Reggie): Bloody cheek." It's been like this for weeks, my time must nearly be up. One morning, there were two women on the telephone; every time I picked up the receiver, there they were, going on and on. Sometimes they'd say ". . . it's her again" and stop talking until I put the receiver back. I stopped trying after quarter of an hour and wrote a letter instead.

Three brawny Geordie lads, working on the burnt-out C&A in the High Street, fell in behind me as I came out of the bank. "In't she lovely" "Hello lass" "Oouah, she's a reet cracker". I turned to smile at them (for I was very flattered) and stumbled on the pavement. "Send us a postcard on your next trip," they bellowed.

Have had Doris/Lucille hair toned down for the winter, from sun-kissed corn tiger-stripped with moonlight to khaki sedge with string undertones. For the first time in years my hair is its real colour and two people have said how much younger I look. Now I only have the Terror of the Dwindling Lips to contend with. They haven't started yet, but I am already drawing Joan Crawford sized cupid's bows up to my nostrils. My grandmother said that as you get older, your ears and nose get bigger and your mouth smaller and thinner. I want so much to be a movie star before I turn into an elephant.



I had hoped to be in the photographs promoting an evening at Annabel's in aid of the Muscular Dystrophy Group. Through a maddening double booking in my diary, I am now excluded from the session in which glorious jewels were to be draped and pinned on me in a borrowed dress. The fun of wearing a king's ransom! I am perfectly contented with paste jewellery most of the time, but once in a while the feel of the real thing is irresistible. When I first came to London, my aunt took me to the Queen's jeweller, who was going to restring some very ordinary beads for her. He eyed them gravely, handling



them as if they were priceless. "Now I would like my niece to see some good stones," she said. Two security guards were summoned, and we went into a little dark velvety room. A case was unlocked and a giant emerald ring taken out. I tried it on. It covered completely the first joint of my fourth finger, a single square-cut stone of an unforgettably brilliant green. We all looked at it for a bit, tilting it this way and that, and then it went back into its box. I have wrestled ever since with a guilty passion for emeralds.

The best of both worlds is to revel in their beauty knowing that on Tuesday night they will help to raise thousands of pounds towards research into the causes of a crippling disease.



Sally Soames

Glenys Kinnock: "She thinks that too much publicity is bad for the children"

Debut of the Brighton belle

"Glen, Glen, come on." Finding himself ingnored, Neil Kinnock plunged into the crowd of his wife's admirers and, one hand resting tenderly against the small of her back, propelled her towards the lift of Brighton's Metropole Hotel.

The Kinnocks had just signed the register to the sound of popping flashbulbs. Seeing familiar faces in the crowded foyer, Glenys Kinnock, looking newly minted in a toast-coloured dress and glossy boots, could have stayed chatting for ever. Neil Kinnock, looking a bit tossed about in crumpled grey, clearly wanted to go to his room. As the lift door closed, the photographers packed up their cameras. "Those dimples, that skin, the light in her eyes," they murmured happily. Whatever happened the following evening, they'd already found their own Dream Ticket – Glenys.

Top political wives usually make me feel uncomfortable. They seem to come in two varieties; the professional helpmeet with a permanent rictus who pushes her children towards the TV cameras, and the hostile background figure whose thundery expression signifies that it's nothing to do with *her* that her husband chooses to make a fool of himself.

Glenys Kinnock doesn't fall into either of these categories. After tagging around after her for a whole weekend, I realized that here was a wonderfully sorted out woman. In the first place, she was obviously not going to let her husband's job take her over. The conference might last a week, but she had taken just two days off from her job as a reading teacher in Brent. Other years, she hasn't attended the conference at all. Today, she'll be back at work, returning home afterwards to Ealing and to her two children, Steven and Rachel.

It's only in the last year that her husband has persuaded her to have some help in cleaning the house and they now have someone coming in for four hours a week. Glenys seems very good at delegating: her husband cleans out the 'fridge and 11-year-old Rachel does the voice-over on the Kinnocks' telephone-answering machine.

This woman, who manages to sustain a close, loving family life, a full-time job and the ability to juggle things around to be at her husband's side when he needs her, could be a refreshing example to other political wives. As a group, these are women who always seem under pressure to give up any thought of leading a life of their own. Watching Glenys might give them the courage to tell their husbands' constituency associations that they certainly don't have the right to demand two for the price of one.

Patricia Hewitt, Neil Kinnock's sparkly new press assistant, said that Glenys wouldn't be giving any interviews until all the conference hoo-hah had died down. "She thinks that too much publicity is bad for the children," said Patricia shrewdly, knowing that no one was likely to complain about Glenys' non-availability if the reason for it was such a noble one.

The time had come for the Kinnocks to leave the hotel room to hear the result of the leadership vote. For this Glenys had changed into a coral red dress and high-heeled, open-toed red shoes. The wisdom of this choice emerged an hour later when Glenys, on her way to the platform to join her victorious husband, had a particularly hideous bouquet thrust into her arms. Under the crackly cellophane were arranged layers of blowsy roses in various clashing reds. Against a dress of any other colour, the flowers would have looked grotesque. Next to the coral, they more or less blended into the background.

Had the presentation of the bouquet been previously rehearsed so that Glenys could dress appropriately? I doubt it. Nothing else that took place in the shambles of that first conference sitting had been.

During a nasty moment when some female delegates got into a shouting match with the conference chairman, Sam McCluskie, Glenys tactfully left her seat. I have been told that she spends a lot of time ironing out any traces of sexist language from her husband's speeches and hope very much that she'll have the time to do the same for Mr McCluskie, who cheerfully addresses full-grown women as "girls."

At the end of the evening, Mr Kinnock was asked how he felt about winning the leadership ballot so decisively. "Almost as good as the day I got married," he said. Here is a man with an excellent sense of priorities.

Penny Perrick

TALKBACK

Women at Oxford

From Joanna Hodge, Wolfson College, Oxford

Jacki Davis (Friday Page, Sept 23) draws our attention to the second class status of women undergraduates at Oxford University. The argument must be extended to women postgraduates and junior faculty. Predominantly male faculties continue to insist that their failure to appoint women rests with the women candidates, and not with their own selection procedures. As a result the senior common rooms of the erstwhile women-only colleges are open to men, while those of the erstwhile men-only colleges are not so open to women. Women are half welcome as undergraduates: and less than welcome as postgraduates and colleagues.

From Martin Trowell, 1 Fairview Road, Hungerford, Berkshire.

It is sad that after three years at Oxford, Jacki Davis in her embittered article reveals that she has not even learnt one of the basic tenets of life: men and women *are* different, not equal.

What a pity she cannot accept that "women are a separate and dangerous species". Those of us who are men relish that and adore those of the opposite sex who have the wisdom to realize they are indeed "a special category".

From Patricia Watson, 2 Holywell Street, Oxford

Jacki Davis comments on the position of women undergraduates at formerly all-male Oxford colleges now commonly described as mixed.

No college can be truly mixed unless there is some reasonable proportion of men and women not only in the junior, but also in the middle and upper common rooms. In the latter case the dispersion of age of the female dons would parallel that of the male dons.

This mixed community will ultimately be attainable with real goodwill and honest endeavour to raise the educational awareness, aspirations and opportunities of girls and women to that of boys and men throughout society in present and future generations.

More letters on Friday





Shona Crawford Poole

A classic in cakes

"Your recipe for coffee walnut cake brought back memories of happy school holiday treats, of spending hoarded pocket money at Hamley's and then having walnut cake at Fuller's café nearby," wrote reader Elizabeth Browett when the recipe appeared earlier this year.

"The last time I sampled commercially produced walnut cake," she says, "it was nothing like the Fuller's that I remember. 'Shop cake' now has an over-whizzed smoothness produced by powerful blenders and the icing lacked the crisp aerated fragility that provided such a complementary contrast to the sponge."

That description of the icing is perfect, as is Nancy Mitford's evocation, in *Love In A Cold Climate*, of the cakes' treat status for an earlier generation of children.

"Oh, Mrs Heathery, you angel on earth, not Fuller's walnut? How can you afford it, Fanny – we haven't had it at home since Fa's last financial crisis – but things are better you know, we are back to Bromo again now and the good writing-paper. When the loo paper gets thicker and the writing-paper thinner it's always a bad sign, at home."

How did it come about that Fuller's cakes were socially acceptable at a time when the expression "shop cake" was in widespread use as a term of disdain? If my memory of the famous walnut cake is reliable, and I think it is, it was the high quality of the three layers of walnut studded sponge, sandwiched with vanilla butter cream and covered with a thick layer of white boiled icing, which put it above reproach.

It was last produced commercially in 1969. The name Fuller's Cakes now belongs to Allied-Lyons and it has just been revived in the test-marketing in South Wales and the Bristol area of "Danish-style pastries and American-style doughnuts".

The company has no plans to revive the walnut cake, so here is The Times Cook committee of two (self and spouse) recipe for it. I mention the joint nature of the project only because spouse is a better baker than self and ate the pre-1939 as well as the post war versions of the cake.

It was quite a deep cake of no great breadth. I think 15cm (6in) round tins with sides at least 5cm (2in) high are ideal if you want to look as well as taste the part.

A Fuller's walnut cake
Makes one cake

200g (7oz) plain flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
200g (7oz) unsalted butter
200g (7oz) caster sugar
3 large eggs
55g (2oz) chopped walnuts
For the butter cream
85g (3oz) unsalted butter
110g (4oz) icing sugar
Vanilla extract to taste
For the boiled icing
225g (8oz) caster sugar
Pinch of cream of tartar
1 egg white
Vanilla extract to taste
7 walnut halves to decorate

Prepare two or three deep, round cake tins by lining them with buttered greaseproof paper.

Sift together the flour and baking powder and set it aside. Cream the butter in large bowl, then add the sugar and beat until the mixture is pale and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then fold in the flour, followed by the chopped walnuts.

Divide the mixture equally between the prepared tins and bake the cakes in a preheated moderate oven (160°C/325°F, gas mark 3) for 30 to 40 minutes, until they are well-risen and golden. A warm skewer plunged into the centre of the cakes should come out clean when they are fully baked.

Rest the cakes in their tins for five or 10 minutes before turning them on to a wire rack, removing the papers and allowing them to cool completely.

To make the butter cream, beat the butter until it is very light, then beat in the icing sugar and a little vanilla essence. Trim the tops of the cakes level and sandwich them together with a layer of the butter cream. Use the rest to smooth the sides on the cake.

An extra pair of hands is useful to make the icing. Put the sugar in a heavy-based pan with 4 tablespoons of water. On a low heat warm the mixture until the sugar dissolves completely. Add the cream of tartar mixed with a teaspoon of water and bring the syrup to the boil. Boil it until a sugar thermometer reads 240°F, or softball. At this temperature a small spoonful of the syrup dropped into a bowl of cold water quickly forms a malleable ball which can be picked up between the finger and thumb.

While the syrup is boiling, whisk the egg white until it holds stiff peaks. As soon as the syrup reaches softball, pour it on to the meringue in a thin, steady stream while whisking the mixture vigorously. Continue whisking the icing until it thickens and becomes opaque, then flavour it with vanilla.

Immediately pour it over the cake and smooth it evenly down the sides with a knife dipped in hot water. Decorate the top with the walnut halves (six round the top and one in the centre) and leave the cake in a cool place for a few hours to allow the icing to dry a little and form a thin crust.

MARKET REPORT

Bid talk lifts London Brick

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Oct 3. Dealings end, Oct 14. Contango Day, Oct 17. Settlement Day, Oct 24.

Reports of a takeover bid – or at least a dawn raid – again swirled round **London Brick** yesterday, driving the shares 5½ p higher to 91½ p.

Hanson Trust, cash-rich after its sales of the UDS retail chains, is known to want to extend its brickmaking interests and remains the market's firm favourite to mount a bid. It is believed that Hanson already has just under 5 per cent of London Brick's capital

Tarmac is another conteder thought to have Britain's biggest brickmakers in its sights.

But Mr Michael Wright, London Brick's deputy chairman, denied that any approach had been made or that takeover talks were going on.

For most of the day shares drifted aimlessly with trading down to the merest trickle. But towards the close there were signs that some institutional investors had moved off the sidelines and were shopping around selectively.

Gilts, after a quiet session, finished with gains of up to £⅛.

Mr Asdil Nadir's **Polly Peck** jumped 75p to £30.37½ following the disclosure that the **Legal and General** insurance group had acquired 5.1 per cent. L and G started buying when Polly's shares were a mere £3.50 but the bulk of its holding was built up at between £14 and £20 a share.

The ambitious property group Gable House is on target to beat its two profit forecasts. When it came to the USM it forecast profits of £300,000 for the year to end June. Next month it will disclose that this figure has been topped. For the current year it is likely that its £500,000 projection will be exceeded by at least £100,000. The shares, sold at 48p, were 58p yesterday.

An L and G spokesman said: "We see a lot of potential in Polly Peck, particularly the Middle East connexion".

He added that there was "certainly a chance" that L and G would build its stake to more than 6 per cent.

Elsewhere, **Bowater** was strong, up 11p to 209p, on continuing talk of a deep discounted rights issue, and **Imperial Group** gained 4p to 127p on stockbroker enthusiasm.

But **Chemical Methods Associates**, an American dishwasher maker which came to the USM in May at 115p a share, was a particularly weak spot on trading fears. As dealers struggled to fix a level the shares plunged 17p to 43p.

USM newcomer **D and H Security Alarms** may have arrived a day late but it managed to achieve a 21p premium at 81p.

With conditions on the bullion market a little more stable – gold closed at $394.375 an ounce – gold shares made modest progress.

In a last ditch attempt to scupper the successful takeover of **Spring Grove** by **Pritchard Services**, competitor **Sunlight Services** and its advisers, Kleinwort Benson, are making an appeal to the full Panel on Takeovers and Mergers.

Wine and spirit merchants Marrhew Clark impressed City institutions when they lunched with the board. The company, which handles such brands as Martell Cognac, Taittinger champagne and Jameson Irish whiskey, recently announced record profits of £3,515,000 (£2,301,000) and is continuing to make progress. The shares were unchanged at 325p.

The appeal covers waived executive share options accruing to the Spring Grove board. Kleinwort argues that the waivers were in contravention of panel rules. Two previous appeals on this basis were unsuccessful. Pritchard has been guaranteed success by Spring Grove and leading institutional shareholders who together represent around 50 per cent of Spring Grove stock.

The battle for Spring Grove, of course, neatly provides a distraction to Sunlight's other problem, the unwelcome takeover approach from **Brengreen (Holdings)**. The laundry and cleaning sector is likely to continue as a hive of activity now that the Government has given the green light to the privatization of its cleaning and laundry services.

On the appeal Sunlight shares rose 7p to 232p.

Still awaiting news of the long talked about American security takeover **W.E.Norton**, which is being revamped by Mr Stewart Jamieson, fell 1p to 22p.

Oil shares surplus and lower spot a weak sector on reports of a world surplus and lower spot prices. But **Pict Petroleum** continued to forge ahead on exploration hopes, rising 7p to 90p.

Talk of a favourable stockbroker circular at one time lifted the **P & O** shipping group up 7p but the shares settled for a 2p gain at 228p.

Derek Pain

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	Market rates (day's range) October 4	Market rates (close) October 4	1 month	3 months
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Montreal	$1.8120-1.8220	$1.8170-1.8180	0.06c prem-0.04c disc	10c prem-par
Amsterdam	4.33-4.35[illegible]fl	4.33[illegible]-4.34[illegible]fl	1[illegible]-1[illegible]c prem	3[illegible]-3[illegible]c prem
Brussels	78.40-79.05f	78.80-78.90f	5c prem-5c disc	par-10c disc
Copenhagen	13.97-14.06k	14.00[illegible]-14.01[illegible]k	8ore prem-19ore disc	66-177ore disc
Dublin	1.2420-1.2490p	1.2453-1.2463p	29-39p disc	86-100p disc
Frankfurt	3.86-3.89[illegible]m	3.87-3.88m	1[illegible]-1pf prem	3[illegible]-3[illegible]pf prem
Lisbon	182.25-184.50e	183.25-183.75e	160-415c disc	665-1185c disc
Madrid	223.50-224.75p	223.85-224.15p	220-295c disc	665-820c disc
Milan	2343-2356lr	2347[illegible]-2348[illegible]lr	14[illegible]-16[illegible]lr disc	46-50lr disc
Oslo	10.80-10.86k	10.82-10.83k	280-345ore disc	914-969ore disc
Paris	11.75-11.83f	11.80[illegible]-11.81[illegible]f	3[illegible]-4[illegible]c disc	14[illegible]-15[illegible]c disc
Stockholm	11.50-11.57k	11.53-11.54k	159-212ore disc	720-783ore disc
Tokyo	343-347y	344[illegible]-345[illegible]y	0.95-0.80y prem	2.40-2.30y prem
Vienna	27.15-27.35sch	27.22-27.27sch	10-8gro prem	23-19gro prem
Zurich	3.11-3.14f	3.11[illegible]-3.12[illegible]f	1[illegible]-1[illegible]c prem	4[illegible]-4c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975 was down 0.2 at 82.7.

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9[illegible] Low 8

Week Fixed: 9

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9	2 months	8[illegible]
3 months	8[illegible]	3 months	8[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	9[illegible]-9	1 month	9[illegible]
2 months	8[illegible]-8[illegible]	2 months	9[illegible]
3 months	8[illegible]-8[illegible]	3 months	9[illegible]
6 months	9-8[illegible]	6 months	9[illegible]

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	7 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]
2 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	8 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]
3 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	9 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]
4 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	10 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]
5 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	11 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]
6 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	12 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	6 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]
3 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	12 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9[illegible]	3 months	9[illegible]
7 days	9[illegible]	6 months	9[illegible]
1 month	9[illegible]	1 year	9[illegible]

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 9[illegible] Close 7½

1 week	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	6 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]
1 month	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	9 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]
3 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	12 months	9[illegible]-9[illegible]

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months	9½	6 months	9[illegible]

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Other Markets

Australia	1.6310-1.6460
Bahrain	0.5545-0.5575
Finland	8.3415-8.3815
Greece	135.90-137.30
Hongkong	12.41-12.61
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4265-0.4285
Malaysia	3.4470-3.4770
Mexico	220-245
New Zealand	2.2335-2.2535
Saudi Arabia	5.1195-5.1495
Singapore	3.1365-3.1665
South Africa	1.6350-1.6500

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.1830-1.1840
† Canada	1.2328-1.2326
Netherlands	2.9385-2.9400
Belgium	53.41-53.46
Denmark	9.5100-9.5150
West Germany	2.6260-2.6270
Portugal	123.50-124.50
Spain	151.85-151.95
Italy	1591-1592
Norway	7.3450-7.3500
France	8.0120-8.0150
Sweden	7.8225-7.8275
Japan	233.75-233.85
Austria	18.47-18.48
Switzerland	2.1155-2.1165

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8111-0.8114

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 9-10; seven days, 9[illegible]-9[illegible]; one month, 9[illegible]-9[illegible]; three months, 9[illegible]-9[illegible]; six months, 9[illegible]-9[illegible].

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $392.75 (an ounce); pm, $393.50 close, $394.25 (£267.25).

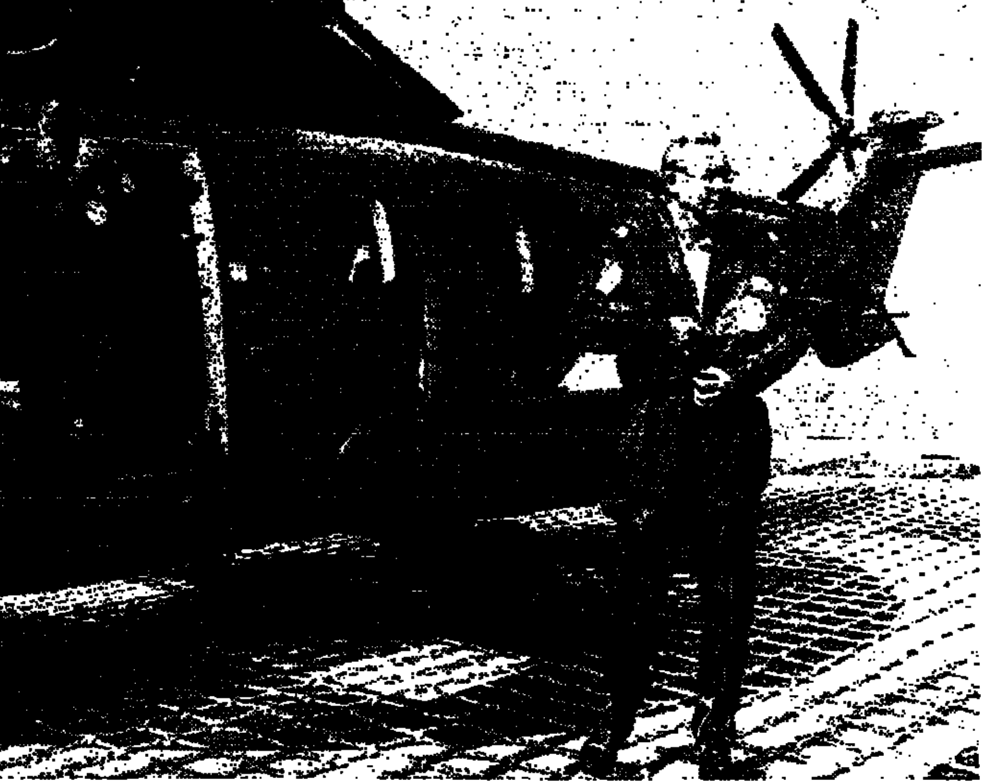
Krugerrand* (per coin): $406-407.50 (£275.25-276.25).

Sovereigns* (new): $92.50-93.50 (£62.75-63.50). * Excludes VAT

Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

Maureen oilfield

Britain's newest North Sea field is in production. Oil is pouring into the seabed storage tanks and the first lifting will leave the platform in mid-October.



C. J. "Pete" Silas, right, president and chief operating officer of Phillips Petroleum, arriving on the Maureen platform with L. M. Rickards, senior vice president of Phillips.

As the North Sea oil industry enters its second development phase, encouraged by recent tax concessions, the Maureen platform is regarded by some as the last of the breed of massive offshore structures and, more accurately by others, as the first of the new breed of high technology production facilities.

The new oilfields will be smaller, geologically more complex, and proportionately more costly to develop. The lessons learnt in building the Maureen platform will help make these fields potentially profitable.

The previous tax structure forced the Phillips design team to look for ways of bringing the Maureen field into production with a minimum outlay and the £700m final bill compares favourably with investment by other companies in fields with the same production rates of around 70.000 barrels a day.

Costs savings were achieved at the design stage and by the decision to drill the production wells while construction of the platform jacket and its deck facilities went on in the two yards on the west coast of Scotland.

The Maureen project was innovative from the start. Advanced engineering was incorporated in the platform and in the single-point loading buoy, the project team being spurred on by the need to keep within a budget set, some said, unrealistically low, because of the field's relatively small reserves and marginal development economics.

Although Maureen is Phillips's first oil field in the UK sector of the North Sea – its Hewett field in the southern North Sea is a gas field – the company's development of the Ekofisk complex in the Norwegian sector has made it probably the most successful and experienced of the North Sea operators.

Drawing on experience gained throughout the world, the Phillips project team put together the engineering package that makes Maureen viable. Phillips's own engineering services group drew up the specifications. The structural and civil engineering team examined the North Sea site surveys, the oceanographic reports and the conceptual proposals put forward by the contractors. The metallurgists wrote the specification for the structural steel used, stipulated the welding procedures to be followed and assessed the contractors' proposals for corrosion protection.

The Phillips team also evaluated the contractors' process designs and made sure that all equipment supplied was up to specification. Chief process engineer Tel Perez said: "If a piece of equipment is supposed to handle 80.000 barrels of oil a day we check that it can actually do that."

With 84 per cent of the cost of Maureen being spent in the UK, the indirect employment effect is difficult to quantify, but with 60.000 people working in Scotland in the offshore supply industry a project such as the Maureen platform has a considerable effect on the economies of whole communities.

With so large an investment involved, the Phillips project team constantly monitor the work of contractors, to ensure that specifications are being met and are able to provide help and advice if a problem arises. Phillips project teams have been advising contractors on all types of equipment. In the case of the electrical equipment – there are 250 miles of cables on the platform – from turbine generators to the type of shaver socket fitted in the living quarters.

The effect on the economy does not end once the contracts have been paid for. The revenue to the exchequer can be considerable – latest figures show that the Government receives £300 every second of the day from North Sea oil taxation – although the recent Budget changes mean that fields such as Maureen can move from the "marginal" category to be potentially very profitable.

The effect of a project such as Maureen on UK industry as a whole can be fully realized only by a visit to a large North Sea production platform. The generating equipment, which could meet the needs of a large town such as Luton or Northampton alone provides several weeks work for the power industry. the steel used in the structure is equivalent to several months output for a medium-sized steelworks, and the other ancillary equipment comes from specialist engineering companies throughout the country.

For although it is a hotel, a heliport, an office block and a power station the Maureen platform is primarily a large factory designed to extract oil, process it and have it ready for dispatch by tanker.

Oil discharged from the production wells is collected in the production manifold on the platform's lower level, passed through coolers and then into separators where water and gas is taken off. The gas passes on the treatment at the gas system and the water to a waste disposal system. After treatment to remove salt, further cooling and final metering, the crude is pumped into the platform's three storage tanks before being pumped into tankers.

The gas process system is designed to treat the gas for use in the generating system and for future gas-lift. The process pressurizes the gas and dries it.

The platform has two gas compressors on the main deck. Each has four compression stages, although in the early life of the field only the first two stages are needed.

Total height of the platform including the flare stack is 772 feet, compared with the 1,063 feet of the Eiffel Tower.

The third main process system is the sea-water injection system on the lower deck. The system oxygenates and filters the sea-water to prevent corrosion of the downhole tubing. Sea-water will be injected into the field at a rate of 90.000 barrels a day at a pressure of 750 lb a square inch.

Sea-water is also used to provide cooling and in the utility systems and two sea-water distillation systems provide up to 50 tons of drinking water a day. Sea-water is also used in the platforms waste disposal system which ensures that no pollutants are dumped in the sea.

The use of the Brown and Root designed Hi-Deck system has meant that the Maureen platform packs all the platform facilities into an area about half the size of a football pitch, and when fully operational it will be run by a staff of about 100, again fewer than the staff on platforms of similar capacity.

Overall responsibility for platform operations rests with the three offshore installation managers, who report to the operations manager.

A shift production supervisor is responsible for the operation of all process and utility systems and communications equipment. The duty safety officer is responsible for diving operations, while the shift maintenance supervisor is responsible for keeping production flowing.

To cater for the needs of the staff aboard the platform there is a 75-seat restaurant, a gymnasium, cinema, TV lounge, sauna and medical centre.

Rig safety is looked after by a complex system of detection equipment and a feature of the rig design is that its hollow legs are filled with water. In the event of fire this waterfill system would help to prevent the structure from damage by dissipating heat by natural convection.

David Young
Energy Correspondent



The platform lies 163 miles north east of Aberdeen

Keeping down the capital outlays

To spend £700m to save money is what the North Sea oil industry is about: the risks are high and the rewards can be enormous.

Admittedly, those rewards are subject to taxation, and despite the complaints of the oil industry leaders about taxation, Britain does provide a stable base for the oil business.

In 1973 when Phillips found oil 163 miles north east of Aberdeen with projected flow rates of around 70.000 barrels a day the company decided to proceed under three conditions: the flow rates would have to be confirmed, the British taxation structure would have to be encouraging and the field would have to be brought into production for a mininum outlay.

The first two factors were satisfied. As for the third, it was up to Phillips to find a way to keep down capital outlay.

The drilling offshore simultaneously with onshore production of the production platform is not new in the North Sea. What Phillips did that was new, was to ready the wells for production by using a sea-bed template so that when the platform arrived on site it could be installed, hooked-up and into production in the minimum time.

Other North Sea platforms – Maureen and Mannus are regarded as the last of the North Sea leviathans – have arrived on site while production wells were still being drilled.

Template drilling is also not new in the North Sea, but Phillips took it to its ultimate development. Maureen is a true production platform. Drilling activity is limited to the hooking-up process, which in turn keeps the operating costs down to a level which makes the field more attractive.

The platform jacket, the undersea templates and the platform deck are among the Maureen field's significant technical developments. Another is the single-point tanker mooring column.

Using the heavy lift crane barge Tog Mor, the 500 ton concrete sections of the single-point mooring column were stacked into place. The mooring was then towed horizontally to the Raasay Sound, righted to the vertical position and fitted with its steel head deck before being towed to the field.

The use of a single point mooring platform with undersea storage facilities means that fields such as Maureen can be financially viable without having to be connected to one of the oil-gathering pipelines.

Ironically Phillips' decision to use tankers, single-point mooring and a storage platform is a return to first-base in North Sea procedure. However, Phillips have added the expertise in single-point mooring that they learned in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea where pipelines cannot be used because of depth and sea-bed problems. The result is that, provided that tankers stick to their schedule, oil can be pumped from Maureen at rates comparable with platforms connected to pipelines.

Ten years ago the flow rates from Maureen's exploration wells meant that the field was classed as "marginal". The cost of bringing up the oil and the type of oil involved – Maureen's is an especially light crude – meant that in the early '70s there was little prospect of profit.

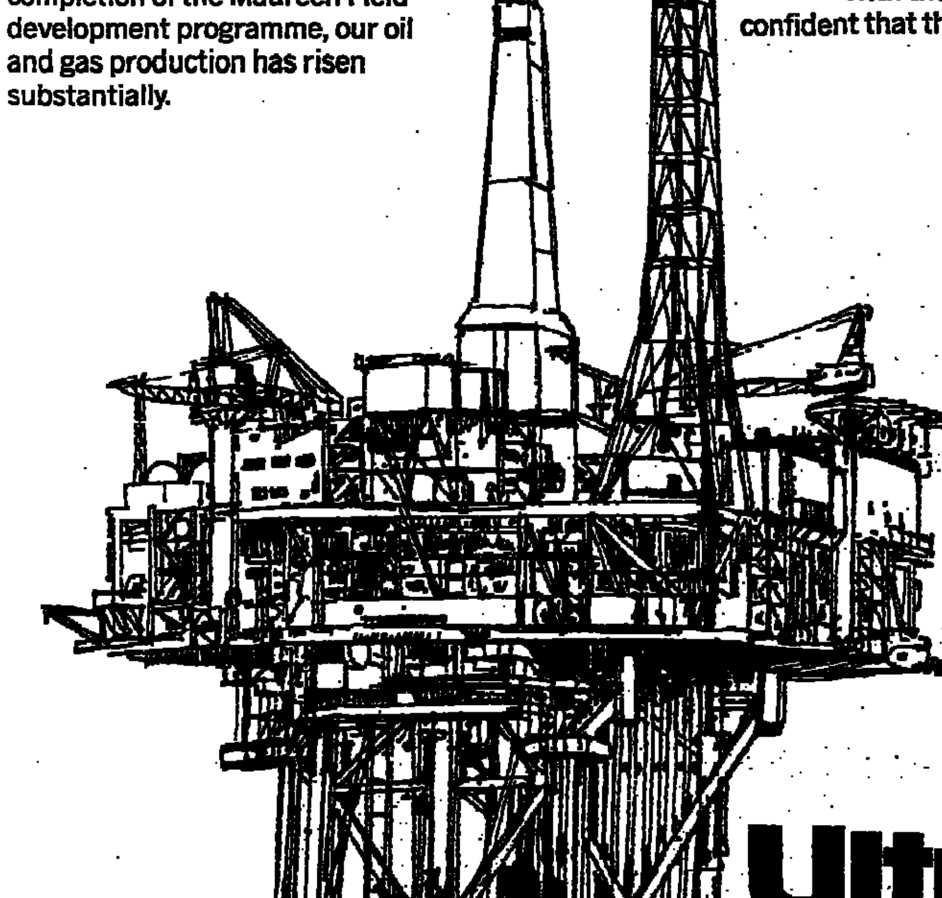
Since then oil prices have softened in real terms and Phillips have had to strictly control costs to make sure than Maureen is viable.

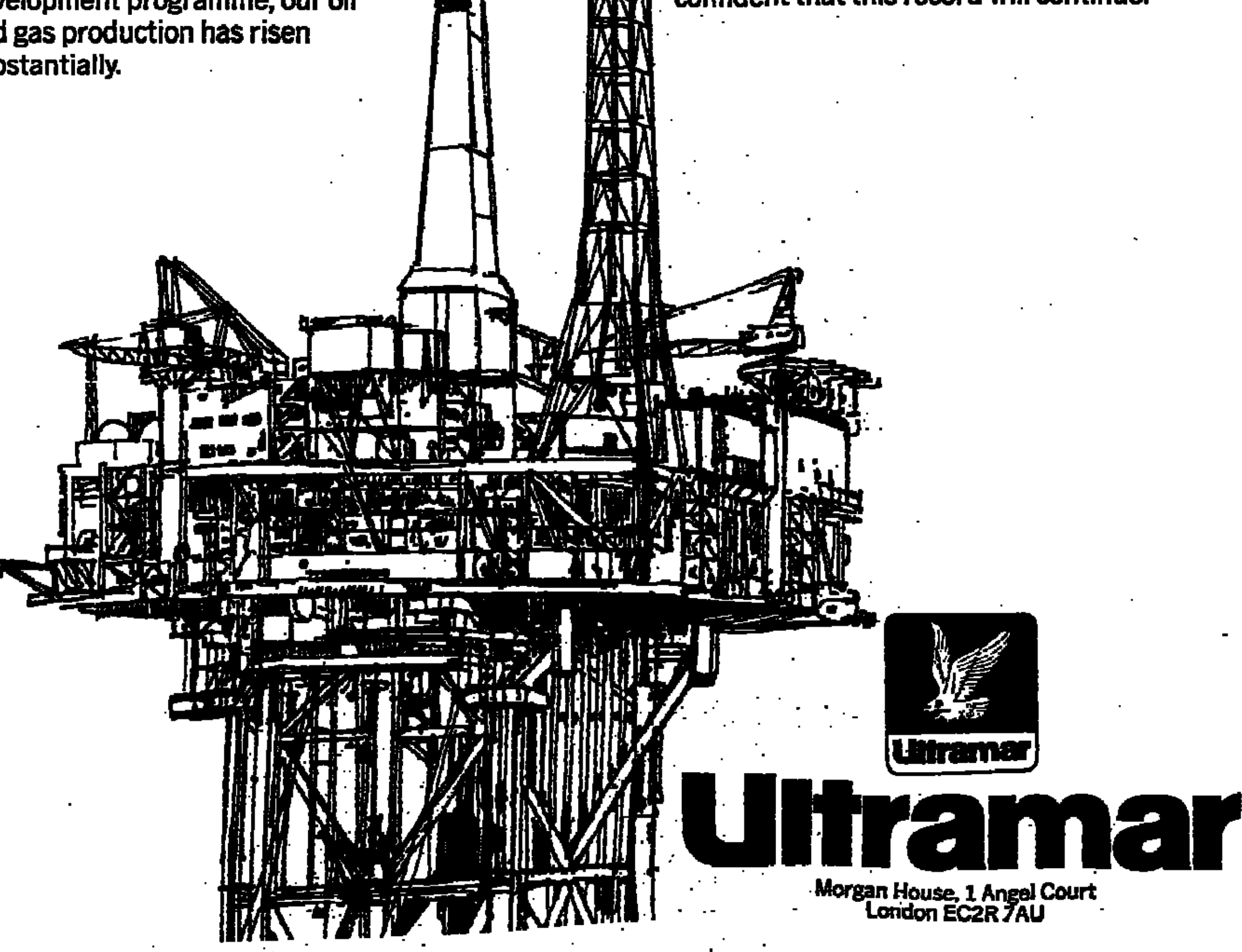
The use of the hi-deck and other techniques incorporated at the design stage has helped. Labour costs are, in North Sea terms, not a major factor, but it is expensive to keep personnel on the platform and fly them between Aberdeen, Shetland and the platform. For that reason staff numbers at Maureen will be kept low, 200 during hook-up and 100 when production is on stream.

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Statistics

The sheer scale of North Sea investment tells it own story. The Maureen field's vital statistics are:
Discovered: 1973 in 314ft of water 163 miles north east of Aberdeen.
Development cost: £700m.
Drilling template: installed June 1979 and weighing 500 tons.
Loading column: installed July 1982. 430ft high (115ft above water), capable of loading 20,000 barrels an hour.
Hi-deck: loaded out February 1983, weighing 19,000 tons, 128ft high. Area 259ft by 249ft.
Platform base: loaded out November 1982, weighing 42,750 tons without ballast, 92,750 ballasted. 390ft high (70ft above water).







MAUREEN

Six partners pulling together

The Maureen project is a good example of the international collaboration that has characterized the development of Britain's North Sea oil from the time of the first discovery. The six partners in the field consist of three British, one American, one Belgian and one Italian company.

For all of them, the Maureen field represents their first significant involvement in a commercial oil development in the British sector of the North-Sea, although many of them are already involved in gas production and most of them have stakes in other so far undeveloped oil discoveries.

The six companies in the partnership – with their percentage interests – are: Phillips Petroleum, the operator (33.78 per cent), Petrofina (28.96 per cent), Agip (17.26 per cent), Century Power and Light (9 per cent), Ultramar (6 per cent) and British Electric Traction (5 per cent).

The partnership was established in 1970 at the time of the fourth round of North Sea licence awards. The field was discovered in February 1973, and the partnership has remained unchanged since then. BET however has indicated recently that it is interested in selling its 5 per cent stake, although no deal has yet been announced or signed.

As operator of the project Phillips Petroleum has played the most important part in the development of the field. The company, based in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where its founder, Frank Phillips, a one-time barber, first set up shop as an oilman more than 70 years ago, now ranks as the eleventh largest oil company in the United States and claims to be the forty-third largest company in the world. It has one of the most successful exploration records of any company in the North Sea.

It was Phillips which, in 1969, made the first commercial oil discovery in the North Sea, a find that eventually proved to be the giant Ekofisk complex of fields in the Norwegian sector.

The North Sea is certain to play a key role in the company's future. The start-up of production from Maureen will provide a significant addition to the company's income base.

Of the British partners in Maureen, Ultramar is perhaps the best known in the oil industry. Its main businesses are refining and marketing of oil in Canada and production of natural gas in Indonesia. But it has made no secret of its desire to develop a significant presence in the North Sea. It already has a small flow of income from the Thistle oil field, having bought a 1.39 per cent interest a few years ago.

Along with increased Indonesian gas production, the Maureen oil will help to give another boost to profits after a remarkable five years in which Ultramar's operating profit has leapt from £14.1m in 1978 to £105.8m last year.

Maureen Field

Location:
North Sea Block 16/29 U.K.

Waterdepth:
95.6m

Reserves:
170 million barrels oil

Discovery:
February, 1973

Development:
January, 1978

Start up:
Late 1983

Participants:	Share
Phillips	33.78%
Petrofina	28.95%
Agip	17.26%
Century Power	9.00%
Ultramar	6.00%
British Electric Traction	5.00%

Century Power and Light is a consortium company that was set up specifically to explore for oil and gas in the North Sea. The majority holding of 58 per cent is held by Imperial Continental Gas, with smaller stakes held by London Merchant Securities, a property, financial and energy investment company, and two Touche Remnant investment trusts. Imperial Continental Gas is one of Britain's oldest companies, dating back to the 1830s. Its hardcore businesses are in the compressed air and calor gas markets, and it also has strategic holdings in a number of utilities in Belgium.

Century Power and Light, which last year made a post-tax profit of £6.2m, has interests in some 40 licences in the North Sea, including the Hewett gas field, Andrew and T Block.

Agip UK is the North Sea exploration and production arm of ENI, the giant state-owned Italian energy, chemicals and industrial conglomerate. Its sister company, Norsk Agip, is responsible for its activities on the other side of the median line in the North Sea.

The North Sea has also become an important source of revenue and profits to Petrofina, the independent oil and chemicals company which is one of Belgium's better known industrial concerns.

Unlike the rest of its partners, BET has been showing signs of tiring of the oil business. As one of Britain's largest industrial conglomerates, with interests ranging from television rental to plant hire and Wembley Stadium, BET has always regarded the North Sea as a simple investment rather than as a strategic core of its business.

Jonathan Davis
Financial Correspondent

The Prince of Wales after dedicating the production platform at the Howard Doris deep-water mooring in Loch Carron on May 12.

Raising the capital

Financing the Maureen development has posed a series of challenges to the partners in the field, arising from the size of the project and the extreme volatility of such key variables as the oil price, the rate of inflation and the cost of money.

When the field was being planned in 1978, the price of oil was still approximately $12 a barrel. By 1980 it had soared to $39 a barrel, and now it has settled around the $30 a barrel mark after fears earlier this year that it could go crashing to $20 a barrel or even less.

This powerful boost to the potential profitability of the field has been significantly offset by the doubling of the project's costs, an 18 months delay on construction of the platform and several government-imposed increases in the rate of North Sea oil taxation. The last four years have also seen interest rates, inflation and the crucial dollar/sterling exchange rate yo-yoing dramatically, compounding the problems of those responsible for trying to plan the Maureen investment programme.

From the outset Maureen – with only 15 million barrels of reserves – was regarded as economically marginal, and it became vital for the partners to convince their bankers that everything was being done to limit the capital cost of the project and accelerate the first flow of oil.

The original capital cost was put at $600m, and it is interesting to note that at the time the template was laid in June 1979 stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie – who specialize in oil finance – were forecasting a rate of return for Maureen of 28 per cent, a very healthy figure.

Today the sums are not so rosy. The latest official estimate of the capital cost is $1,400m, more than twice the original figure. Phillips and its partners believe however that with the rapid progress that has been made since the platform was floated out in July the final cost can be kept to $1,300m or less.

Wood Mackenzie's latest forecast for Maureen's rate of return is 16.1 per cent, and the early start of oil production will make a respectable return, with higher oil prices cancelling out most of the adverse factors such as harsher oil taxes.

All six partners have raised their own finance for the project, each adopting a slightly different method. One of the first to raise money was Petrofina, which raised a $180m loan from a banking consortium led by Societé Générale of Belgium and the Republic National Bank of Dallas.

The loan fell in two parts, with $65m in the form of a straight term loan repayable over seven years, and the balance of $115m involving repayments linked to the level of production from the field.

Loan repayable over seven years

Century Power and Light also raised money in 1979, borrowing $60m as the first of a three tranche loan from the Midland Bank and the European Banking Company (a consortium bank partly owned by the Midland). Two further tranches of $40m and $30m have brought the total borrowed to £130m, repayable over seven years starting in November 1984.

Phillips raised $400m in a multicurrency loan last year, which was designed to cover the cost of exploration drilling in other parts of the North Sea as well as Maureen costs. The loan agreement was signed by 32 multinational banks, and included an option for Phillips to convert it from a general loan to non-recourse project finance. This has not yet been exercised, and Phillips meanwhile is believed to be engaged in further financing moves.

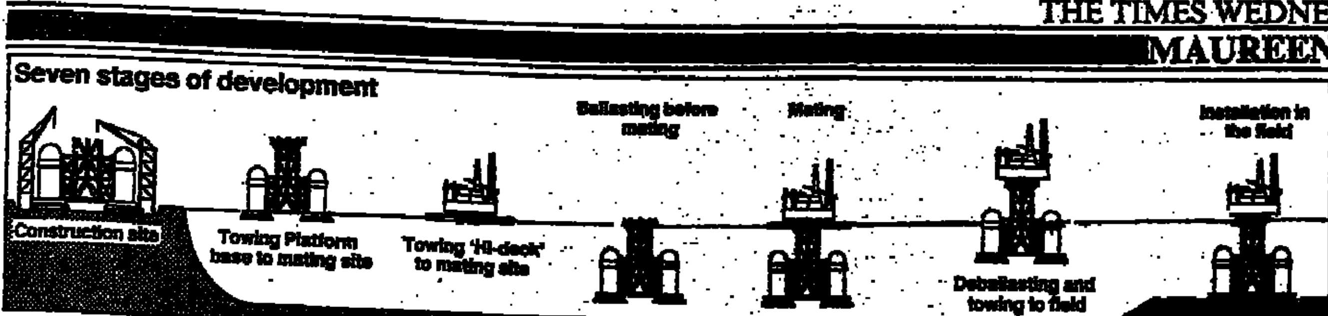
Agip raised $200m from a group of banks led by Crédit Lyonnais and Den Norske Creditbank in February 1981, which has subsequently been topped up by another $100m loan from broadly the same group of banks. The loan is a mixture of non-recourse and recourse financing, with the split between the two dependent on future cash flow from Maureen and other factors. The recourse financing is repayable over six years, the non-recourse over five years.

Ultramar has chosen a different route, spurning project finance in favour of a simple bank loan of £33m from Midland Bank and a Canadian banking group. The loan – which was renegotiated to take account of the project's soaring costs – is repayable from the end of next year. The attraction of this method for Ultamar was that it was by far the simplest method, involving the minimum of management time. It is also one that the company believes will prove to be the least expensive method.

Because such a large proportion of Maureen's oil will be produced in the first four years of its life, the final profitability of the field is critically dependent on what happens to oil prices between now and 1987.

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BELOW THE WAVES

Ingenuity at the margins

Of all the engineering marvels of the twentieth century, the skill, enterprise, technology application and downright novelty of North Sea oil exploration and production must boost it into the ranks of the unparalleled.

Successive oil field developments have demanded ever-increasing expertise and the Maureen project is no exception. Above and below the waves are examples of the stretching of engineering knowledge to fit the peculiar requirements of offshore oil extraction.

Maureen is regarded as a marginal field, with reserves of 170 million barrels of oil, and the main task when considering the type of production platform to be used was to ensure that peak output levels would be achieved as soon as possible after installation and that costs would be kept to a minimum.



The Technomare steel gravity structure on tow from Hunterston to Loch Kishorn

Oil tankers preferable to pipeline

A problem for the designers was the need to load the oil tankers on the spot rather than build an expensive pipeline to the shore. But because of Maureen's economic sensitivity to shut downs, necessary if stormy seas halted tanker loading, there had to be an inbuilt storage facility. After much deliberation of the relative advantages of steel versus concrete it was decided to opt for a cheaper, and less massive, steel structure and in May 1979 Phillips chose and ordered the design submitted by Tecnomare of Milan.

The 40,000 tonne platform, known as the Tecnomare steel gravity (TSG) structure, is the first of its type to incorporate oil storage capability and support drilling and production facilities. It is also the largest gravity platform in the world, measuring 450ft wide and 390ft at its highest part.

Ayrshire Marine Constructors, a partnership between the American steel company Chicago Bridge International and Scotland's Weir Group, began construction of the TSG in June, 1979, at its Hunterston yard in Ayrshire. Sadly, after completing the job last November, the yard faces a bleak future in the recession-hit offshore hardware industry.

The graving dock at Hunterston is on a 104-acre man-made island linked to the south-east bank of the Clyde estuary and it was here that the three-year construction job was undertaken. The most distinctive features of the TSG, which soon became prominent at Hunterston, are the three cylindrical steel ballast and storage tanks, each 240ft high and 80ft in diameter and capable of holding up to 650,000 barrels of oil.

Floating out on tow to Loch Kishorn

Fabrication of the TSG involved a total of 35 Ayrshire's sub-contractors. Most of them were Scottish or English but a significant proportion of the structure was made by specialist firms in France, West Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Austria. One of the great feats of the entire Maureen operations was the float-out and tow of the TSG to Loch Kishorn further north on the Scottish west coast for mating with the deck assembly, a contract won by the Paris firm of C. G. Doris, 50 per cent-owned by Howard Doris, main contractor for the deck.

Each of the storage tank legs was filled with air and the platform rose to the surface so that less than 20ft of the 390ft structure was below the water.

Then began the slow, five-day tow to Kishorn, a journey that had been postponed for nearly a month because of unsettled weather. Now, on November 2, six tugs with a combined power of 102,000 hp began pulling the platform, now with ballasted tanks to give a draft of 87ft, out of the Firth of Clyde, past the islands of Arran and Islay and then turning north into the Sea of Hebrides.

After passing between the islands of Skye and North Uist, the flotilla turned eastwards and then south into Loch Kishorn, a journey of 339 nautical miles at an average speed of 2.8 knots. For the trip to Kishorn, the platform had been equipped with a temporary deck fitted with a ballast control room, accommodation for a crew of eight and power supply.

Mooring of the TSG took a further 25 hours and then the structure was ready to receive permanent ballast. On January 17 this year, C G Doris began to pump in a total 51,246 tonnes of iron ore aggregate called orecrete into the tank bases, an operation that took 38 days to complete and provides a clear indication of the size of the Maureen platform, most of which is now hidden from sight under the inhospitable waters of the North Sea.

The solid ballast more than doubled the TSG's weight to 91,000 tonnes and gave it a draft of 143 ft and the operation was followed in March by a series of inclining tests to assess the platform's centre of gravity.

This was followed in April by the start of the complicated and delicate process of mating the TSG with the deck, a process that required the TSG to be water ballasted down so that only 26 ft was showing above water. The TSG was now ready for the final stages of turning it into a fully fledged North Sea production platform.

Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

TEMPLATE DRILLING

Drilling fast off the mark

One of the novel features of the Maureen field is that it will reach peak production of more than 70,000 barrels a day very quickly now that it has come on stream. This is because all the wells needed to tap the reservoir have already been drilled. Whereas on most fields the majority of wells are drilled from the platform itself after it has been installed on site, Phillips started drilling wells more than four years ago – long before the production platform was towed out to its resting place 163 miles north-northeast of Aberdeen.

A conventional semi-submersible drilling rig, the Sedneth 701, began drilling the first production well in June 1979. By the spring of this year, a few months behind schedule, it had completed all 19 wells that Phillips calculates it will need to extract the recoverable oil from the field. Gas and water will be pumped through the wells into the reservoir to boost the rate at which the oil flows to the surface in the later stages of the field's life.

Aim to cut costs and speed flow

The wells have been drilled through a template, a large steel grid placed on the sea bed in the middle of the field. The structure weighs some 460 tons, and has 24 circular holes - or "slots". As only 19 wells have been drilled, the remaining five slots have been left as spares. The template now rests under the massive steel gravity platform, and is secured to the seafloor by four 42in piles.

Although template drilling has become increasingly common in the North Sea in recent years, the Maureen field was the first to incorporate it as integral to the production system. As with other features of the production design, the aim has been to cut costs and accelerate the first flow of oil.

Having all the wells pre-drilled means that the time lag between the installation of the platform and peak production can be cut to a minimum. In theory it should be no more than a few weeks, the time it takes to "hook up" the wells.

In practice Phillips is still proceeding cautiously, and does not expect to have all the Maureen production wells on stream until next year. It wants to make sure that the reservoir is performing as expected, and that the taps are not opened so quickly as to risk damaging the prospects of extracting the last drop of oil from the field. But the financial gain from having to wait for all the production wells to be drilled – a process that would normally take at least two-and-a-half years – will be considerable. The quicker the oil flow can be built up, the more likely the field is to show a reasonable rate of return. Pre-drilling has helped to ensure that half the field's 150m barrels of reserves will be recovered in the first three to four years of production, an unusually high proportion.

Most of the Maureen field wells have been drilled to a depth of between 9,000 and 10,000 feet, but the actual length of drilling pipe involved in most of the wells is considerably greater, since they have been drilled "directionally" as well as vertically. This means that wells have been drilled at an angle in order to reach the furthermost corners of the reservoirs, something which is particularly important for injection wells, which are designed to drive lingering pockets of oil up to the surface, once natural pressure is no longer sufficient to do the job.

The wells radiate out from the template like the spokes of a wheel, some of them finishing up nearly two miles away from the central production platform. Phillips calculates, by way of illustration, that if the Maureen template had been placed on the site of its office in London's Victoria Street, there would be wells reaching out as far as Baker Street, Harrods, the new Covent Garden market at Nine Elms, and the Oval cricket ground.

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MAUREEN

The massive above-sea platform

While the construction of the vast sub-sea platform for the Maureen field was proceeding on the Firth of Clyde, the second part of the structure, the highly complicated deck, was taking place 325 miles to the north.

In line with Phillips's policy of time and cost saving by producing a prefabricated platform ready for installation above the previously drilled Maureen wells, the integrated deck concept was preferred. As well as cutting down the time needed for offshore work, the idea of assembling the deck close to shore produced significant cost reductions over conventional methods.

Construction time on the deck was reduced further by manufacturing the top-side units in modular form to allow rapid installation.

The unique nature of the entire £700m project is the bringing together of the three main elements, the steel gravity platform, the integrated deck and the predrilled wells, into a single package.

Howard Doris at Loch Kishorn, the company that also won the contract to build the drilling template which was to be laid on the sea bed ready for the huge platform, began construction of the deck in June, 1979. The deck was the fifth major offshore structure to be built by Howard Doris and the first steel integrated deck of its size and design for the North Sea.

It weighs 19,000 tonnes and measures 255ft by 245ft, about half the size of a football pitch and, says Phillips, a "surprisingly small area" in which to pack all the deck's facilities.

It was designed by Brown and Root and, to the uninitiated, looks very much like any other offshore oil platform. At One corner stands the flare stack and next to it is the drilling rig which extends down through the deck's three levels.

About 100 people will live and work on the Maureen platform, most of them accommodated in the six-storey block which comprises two-man cabins, a five-bed medical centre, television lounge, kitchen and dining room seating 75. On the "roof" is the helideck. A three-storey living block contains the platform's offices, stores, machine workshop, communications centre and main control room as well as recreation rooms, a 125-seat cinema, gymnasium and sauna.

Oil fields
50 miles
Brent
Statfjord
Shetland Is
Frigg
Beryl
Route of entire structure
Orkney Is
NORWEGIAN SECTOR
Outer Hebrides
MAUREEN
Kishorn
Inverness
Forties
Aberdeen
UK SECTOR
Ekofisk
Route of platform base
Glasgow
EDINBURGH
Hunterston
NORTH SEA

Liferafts and survival capsules

The Maureen "township" is equipped with five survival capsules, each with a 50-person capacity.

The deck's provisions for lifesaving also include 12 inflatable liferafts, 250 lifejackets and 50 lifebuoys.

On the first of the deck's three main levels is the oil production manifold which channels the oil into coolers and separators for the removal of water and natural gas. After further treatment, the oil flows into the three giant tanks below the surface of the sea ready for piping to the loading column 1 ½ miles away.

Meanwhile, the gas processing system dehydrates and compresses the gas for use as fuel and for future gas-lift operations.

The third major process is the seawater injection system on the lower deck which will pump water at the rate of 90.000 barrels a day to maintain pressure at the well.

Power generation for the platform will be by five gas turbine generators, each with an output of 3.1 megawatts, backed up by two diesel generators in the event of failure and, in turn, emergency batteries.

Drinking water at the rate of 50 tons a day will come from two sea water distillation units and the chance of oil-polluted water or solids being discharged is minimized by the inclusion of a waste water disposal system.

Fire-fighting equipment and systems clearly must be paramount in designing an oil rig and the Maureen deck is protected by an emergency system which automatically shuts down the plant. A water deluge system protects all the major process equipment, and there is a multiplicity of fire extinguishing and detection equipment.

Further protection is afforded by filling with water all the hollow structural members on the deck to enable heat to be dissipated by convection.

Early in February, after being fully equipped with most of this complicated hardware in the inshore safety of Loch Kishorn, the deck was "loaded-out" by sliding a single huge self-ballasting barge underneath and lifting it from its foundations. The operations, controlled almost entirely by computer, involved the flow of 10.000 tonnes of water ballast through 32 pumps so that the barge rose evenly to take the weight of the deck.

The next stage before the final mating was the installation of instrumentation on the deck to control the joining of the parts of the rig and the welding of mating cones on the underside.

Then, on April 4, the barge with its enormous cargo slipped between the deck support legs of the partially submerged platform. The water ballast was pumped out of the platform's tanks and slowly the structure rose out of the water to mate with the deck, a unique feat in oil platform engineering.

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MAUREEN PLATFORM:
Type:
Steel Gravity/Integrated deck
TSG Substructure:
Ordered May, 1979
Designed by Tecnomore, Venice
Built by AMC Hunderston
Hideck:
Designed by Brown & Root, UK
Built by Howard Doris, Kishorn
Topsides Designed by Worley Engineering, UK
Platform Data:
Weight of TSG base: 42,000T
Weight of Hideck: 19,000T
Production Capacity 80.000b/d
Oil Export:
Articulated loading column (ALC) for direct tanker loading offshore

TOWING AND SETTING

A gamble with the weather

The most important man at Loch Kishorn in the first eight days of June was Maurice Labaye, senior meteorologist in the C.G. Doris project team. Towing a 111,750-tonne structure which towers 600ft above sea level through the unpredictable waters round the north of Scotland is by itself a difficult enough feat. Running into a storm at the wrong place and the wrong time could turn a problem into a nightmare, or worse, a tragedy.

To lengthen the odds against that happening, the 405-nautical mile route mapped out between Kishorn and the Maureen site had been broken into sections, with four "holding" areas en route where the fleet of six tugs and escort ship could, if bad weather set in, hold the platform fast until conditions improved. The meteorologist's job was to allow the fleet to negotiate the Minch to the first holding point in, open water just to the east of the northermost tip of the Isle of Lewis.

Weather reports were produced at six-hourly intervals, then, finally, on Wednesday June 8 the all clear was given and the fleet, under the command of towmaster Captain Heinrich Detlev, set off.

The journey was to take them up the west coast and then in a parabola through the channel between the Orkneys and Shetlands into the North Sea and south-east towards the Maureen Field, 163 miles east-northeast of Aberdeen. The four tugs Oceanic, Smit Rotterdam, Caribic and Typhoon, which between them packed 66,000 hp, applied the main force to the leading leg, while the 16,000 hp Titan and Smit New York took the strain on legs two and three, acting as the nearest thing the platform had to a rudder.

The weather men could give no guarantees and in fact severe weather did hit the fleet on the 350-mile offshore leg around the north coast of Scotland. "We got the 72 hour forecast and it was reasonable; in fact it wa quite good", Paul Shopley, Phillips Petroleum's construction manager, marine projects says: "But we no more than got under way when the conditions changed."

As the fleet moved towards the channel between the Orkneys and the Shetlands a storm blew up and kept blowing for the next four of five days. Providentially the wind was blowing with the fleet: "The fitst few days it was out of the south-west and we were heading north-east, so it helped us", Shipley says: "We were being pushed along; we didn't have to have near the strain on the line; we didn't have to tow as hard ... Then we headed back south-east and by that time, in effect, we had winds from the north-west and again they were pushing us ... The wind was behind us and pushing the platform. The platform itself had a big wind-sail effect from it. It was pushing in the general direction that we wanted to go."

If the wind had been coming from another direction, things could have been very different. Phillips Petroleum construction engineer Alan Affleck remembers looking down from the platform as the strong winds struck. The platform itself seemed inviolable.

"Being on the platform we didn't feel anything at all. But looking down at the six towing tugs, they were rolling about all over the place. We felt really sorry for those guys down on the water. Whether it looked as if we were rolling or not from down there I don't know", he recalls.

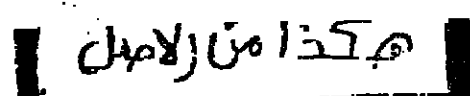
He is well aware of how lucky the team had been with wind direction. It was helping them, but it might have been otherwise: "If the wind at that strength would have been any other direction we'd have been in deep trouble", he says. "The severe winds were in a direction that was helping rather than hindering us. If they had been from virtually any other direction, we would have had a problem to hold it with the tugs we had. There's only one wire from each tug, and we needed those six tugs. If one had gone ... well ...

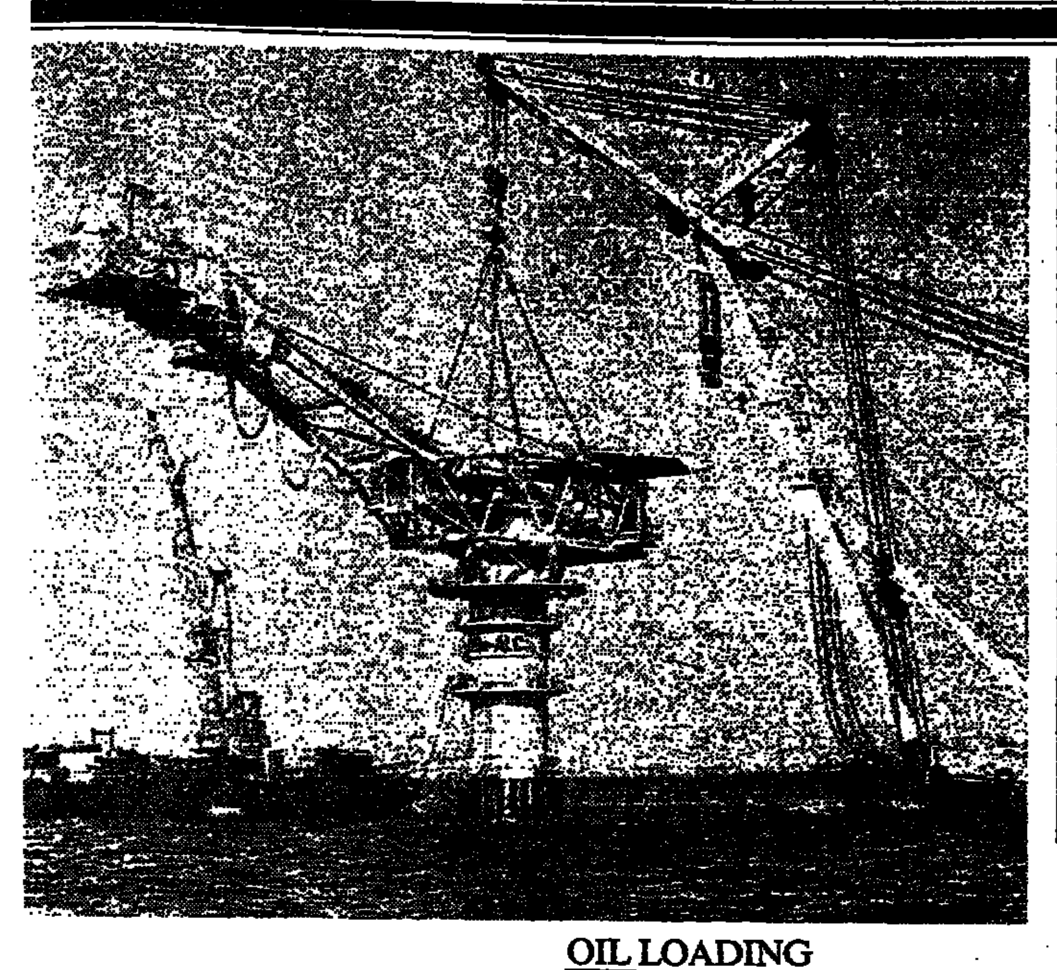
The Scottish weather is nothing if not capricious; having blown up a storm – albeit a storm which helped the fleet – the winds diedout just as the fleet reached the Maureen field on June 15.

"The day we arrived out there the wind stopped blowing, just like the opening of the waters", Shipley says.

If the tow had tested everyone's seamanship, positioning the structure was to stretch their

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PLATFORM SET OVER TEMPLATE WITH PRE-DRILLED WELLS

Steel gravity platform with integral storage

Tanker mooring/loading column

Sub sea well template

Left: the articulated loading column and, above, how the system will operate

OIL LOADING

Tanker shuttle saves costs

The Maureen field's recoverable oil reserves are relatively small. That means, in practical terms, that the money which could be spent exploiting them also had to be relatively small. Economically, it would not have made sense to build a pipeline to bring the oil ashore. The solution was an offshore tanker loading system – a pair of tankers shuttling from field to shore.

Oil cannot be loaded on to tankers direct from a production platform – the safety problems alone would be horrendous – but it can be offloaded from a separate structure built close to the platform and linked to it by pipelines.

The Phillips Petroleum engineers decided on an articulated loading column – a chimney-shaped cylinder whose bottom would be pinioned to the seabed by a gigantic universal joint, its top being surmounted, above sea level, by a rotary head supporting a winch deck and a boom which carries the loading hose out to the tanker (see diagram). The oil is pumped from the production platform's 650,000-barrel storage tanks through a 1½-mile pipeline.

The column was designed by the Parisian Equipements Méchaniques et Hydrauliques (EMH) in association with C. G. Doris and EMH awarded the fabrication contract to Howard Doris. It was decided to build the structure largely in concrete, the first time this had been done in the North Sea. The cost was lower and tests suggested that the construction time and structural performance would equal the only alternative – steel.

The column was built by slipforming, a method of construction which involves pouring concrete into forms (or moulds) which are then "slipped" progressively as the work goes on. Five separate sections, each more than 54ft long and weighing 475 tonnes, were built like this in a vertical position, then tipped over into a horizontal position and joined together with concrete. Two concrete cylindrical buoyancy tanks were built using the same method to form the base. When construction was completed the column and base were locked together.

1,000 tons of iron ballast was used

In July 1982, the loading column was towed out to deep water off the Isle of Skye and turned by water ballasting through 45 degrees so that it floated into an upright position. After the rotating head had been attached and 1,000 tonnes of iron ballast poured in, the 430ft column, most of it now below the surface of the water, was ready to be towed out to the field.

Peter Fisher, chief engineer in London for Howard Doris, explains the logic of towing the articulated loading column out vertically when to a layman it might seem more sensible to float it horizontally on the surface, like a log, and right it *in situ* on the field.

"The maximum advantage in the construction of these things is gained by maximizing completion in sheltered inshore waters. So we were able to take advantage of the deep water close to the Kishorn site, in the inner sound, for tilting the structure to the vertical, placing solid ballast in the bottom of the column, installing the head, hooking it up and commissioning – which meant that the articulated loading column went out essentially complete. Had these operations been carried out in the North Sea they would have been more weather dependent and very much more expensive."

The towing operation started on August 18, 1982, and took 15 days. Bad weather made the going hard for the tug Abeille Provence which was pulling the column.

According to Frances Elbez, project engineer for EMH the tug and its load ran into heavy weather after a couple of days as it moved northwards.

"We continued to tow the structure but of course very slowly – an average of about 1.5 knots . . . We even had to turn back once and come back on our position . . . The sea was very rough."

Because the column under tow had a draught of nearly 275 ft, several times deeper than even the largest tanks, the rome had to be very carefully planned. Instead of going between the Orkneys and the Shetlands as the production platform was later to do, the column was turned round the north of the Shetlands before turning south towards the Maureen field.

The column actually arrived at the Maureen field at the beginning of September but weather conditions were so bad that it was several days before the installation crew could be given permission to begin lowering the column. When conditions improved, water was pumped into the column until its base touched the seabed.

The articulated loading column, which can load tankers of up to 85,000 tonnes at 20,000 barrels an hour, has been designed to operate in all but the worst weather: the cast steel universal joint allows the column to tilt by as much as 18 degrees. This means that a tanker could moor safely in a 50-knot wind with wave heights of more than 30ft.

The shuttle tankers will be moored to the head by a 350ft hawser with a 560 tonne breaking capacity. The hawser is attached to a "messenger" line clamped to an off-lying buoy. A supply boat picks up the messenger line and hands it up to the tanker crew who then make it fast.

In case problems arise, the shuttle tankers have an emergency system operated by a single button: once pressed the oil flow is stopped, the hose disconnected and the tanker freed form the moorings.

It is planned to operate one tanker for the full life of the field and a second for as long as the field is in peak production.

Malcolm Brown

The weather

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technical skills to the limit. The objective was to lower the platform on to a template, already fixed into the seabed, through which the wells had been driven and the oil would eventually flow. Considering that the platform had been towed through more than 400 miles of often unfriendly seas it must have seemed a little churlish of the design engineers to insist that those who were to *lower the platform* on to the template had to get it accurate to less than 1ft. The limits allowed were 10in horizontal variance and 1.5 degrees of tilt.

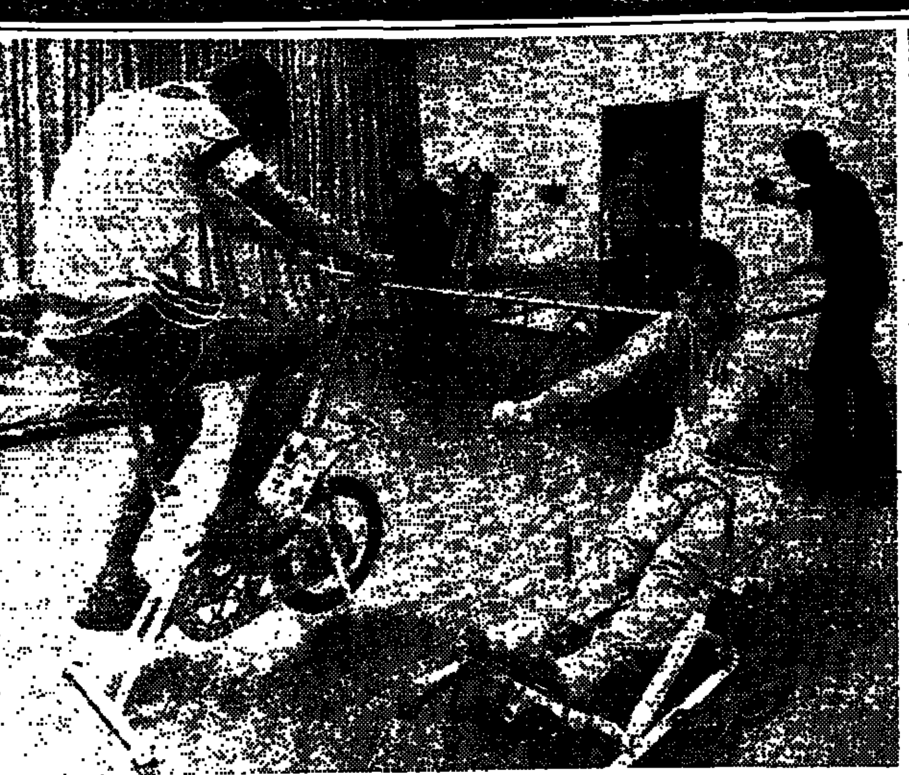
The positioning took two days. The positioning team started to connect the platform to four mooring lines at 13.45 on June 16. By the early hours of the next day all the moorings had been tensioned, and at breakfast time that day ballasting began. The crucial final stage of the ballasting, to bring the structure close to the engagement point where it would clamp on to the two docking piles on either side of the template, was accomplished by pumping sea-water into compartments in the tank legs.

The docking was the most intricate part of the whole operation. The engineers had to know precisely how the structure was lying in the water and how it was moving. A whole battery of monitoring systems was used.

"We had television and we had transponders using a system of triangulation," Shipley says. ". . . These transponders would print out or transpose onto a printed circuit a figure which said 'OK, you are spot on' or 'you're 5mm to the left' or to the right or north or south – and then you made your corrections . . ."

The positioning team maneouvred the structure to within less than 3ft of the docking piles before the decision to engage was finally taken. Engagement was successfully achieved at 19.30, the platform ballasted again and then, finally, at 22.50 on June 17 the Maureen platform touched down on the bed of the North Sea

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Life on the oil rig includes health and fitness training as well as good canteen, television and cabin provision.

TRAINING

Pinpointing possible trouble

Before they even set foot on the Maureen platform, the operations crew who constantly monitor its complex drilling and production systems had already been trained to deal with the type of problems they are likely to face in the hostile North Sea.

A malfunction in any of the equipment can lead to expensive delays and endanger lives. Fail-safe devices are built into the platform, but pinpointing potential trouble before it occurs makes for safer and more profitable operations.

The 24 production operators who man the control room on Maureen have already spent the equivalent of a working week in a £800,000 simulator at Phillips' Aberdeen base.

The Maureen simulator is one of the the most sophisticated built by Redifusion Simulation at Cowley. It can reproduce the processes involved in oil and gas productin, separation, dehydration, storage, tanker loading, gas lift, gas compression, gas volume control, water injection, water filtration, water volume control and local shut-down.

The simulator is a Systems Engineering Laboratories 32/77 digital computer, which through a mathematical model, gives realistic responses on the instrument panels. The Instructor uses a computer terminal comprising a visual display unit and keyboard to enable him to monitor and review the training programme. He is also able to freeze exercises in order to hold discussions, and he can speed up or slow them down.

Simulator reduces training time on and off-shore

Phillips says that the use of the simutor has reduced training time and helped staff to correct mistakes in operating procedure.

Even experienced operators have benefited from simulator training. Training courses may be organized for other North Sea companies.

Phillips used the simulator from mid-March to the end of August to supplement classroom training at Aberdeen with groups managing up to seven students spending from two to 60 hours in the simulator. In total 80 of the Maureen production crew have received simulator training before flying out to the platform.

Instructor Bruce Brown, who was on temporary assignment to the training programmes from the US, said: "It's as realistic as we can make it. The sessions have gone very well. The trainees showed a high aptitude on the simulator, although it obviously helps that they are all experienced process operators."

Bruce controlled the simulation from behind a smoked glass screen above the simulator area, and the operators, who were recruited in Teeside and Yarmouth, also received training aboard the platform while it was being built at Loch Kishorn.

A whole new world: huge by comparison

One of the men on the Maureen team, Mr Stuart Dawson, was recruited from the Phillips Teesside terminal staff and has never worked offshore before. He said: "It's a big step for me and a great opportunity. There are lads in the team with far more experience, but I'm not at all apprehensive. The training has gone very well.

"I will obviously miss my family while I'm away, but my wife is quite amenable to the idea and it means that when I'm home for two weeks' leave I will probably see more of her and the children than I did when I worked at the terminal."

Lead operator Mr Doug Smith is more confident after his period of simulator training, although a North Sea veteran with ten years' offshore experience and a former shift foreman on the Hewett platform.

He said: "It will be a whole new world after Hewett. For a start the Maureen platform is huge by comparison to some of the platforms I've been on.

"The actual operation will be more complex. We'll be producing gas as well as oil and doing water injection. Conditions will also be more hostile and we'll be spending longer offshore.

"It is certainly a big challenge, but the prospects for widening our horizons are good. We can't wait to get started and everyone was hoping that they will be on the first crew after tow-out."

David Young

The people who count

STAFF

Statistics about North Sea projects such as the Maureen field are so overwhelming that it is easy to regard the project in terms of a series of superlatives and forget that it is people who ultimately make the massive investments worthwhile.

The 405 nautical mile tow-out of the platform also marked the transfer of the project from the design and construction teams to the production and maintenance staff and the opening of Phillips new Aberdeen project headquarters and a change of role for the Peterhead supply base.

For more than ten years the Peterhead base supported Phillips' activities in the UK sector of the North Sea as well as the drilling operations in the Maureen field. Now with drilling completed, the personnel at Peterhead have become responsible for supplying equipment and spares for Maureen.

The base began stockpiling Maureen spares 20 months ago, said Hans Lohe, formerly base supervisor at Peterhead and now at the Aberdeen headquarters with the Maureen procurement and material control team.

Hans, who joined Phillips eight years ago, used to be warehouse supervisor at the Emden gas plant and moved to Peterhead in 1980 where he set up a warehouse inventory-control system and a buying department.

He said: "At that time we had four rigs working in UK and Irish waters – the Western Pacesetter, the Sedneth 700 and 701 and the Chris Chenery. Our job was to supply the rigs with their daily needs for their exploration work, but we were also thinking about setting up a warehouse for the Maureen field, both constructionally and organization ally.

In November, 1981 the first Maureen supplies arrived at Peterhead, a batch of crane spares. By January, 1982 there was a stockpile of 123 line items and by early this year 1,435 line items with a value of £1.3m were in stock. Items which Peterhead can lift by helicopter out to Maureen at short notice range from a two millimetre adjustment screw to a 24-inch diameter ball valve weighing one and a half tonnes.

This has meant that the Peterhead base has outgrown itself and a new 45,000sq ft warehouse is nearing completion.

Mr Jack Findlay, Phillips' longest serving employee at Peterhead and Hans Lohe's successor as materials and transport supervisor, said: "We are moving everything apart from our drilling warehouse which will remain at the quay. It's certainly all happening at once here. I'm looking forward to the move – at least forward to when it's all over and we're back to normal."

Thirty miles south at Aberdeen is the main onshore activity surrounding Maureen and the development of the field has meant an influx of Phillips personel to the city. For some it is their first time in the area, for others a welcome return, but for all it is an opportunity to experience the problems created in Aberdeen by its success as an oil town as well as being able to enjoy the excellent facilities the area has to offer.

Phillips UK area manager for Aberdeen, Mr Ron Rundt, who has previously worked in Europe and Africa, transferred to the area from Bartlesville, USA, in January. He said: "It's a beautiful area. The Scots have to be among the friendliest people there are.

"Living here, it helps if you are the outdoor type. There is plenty of opportunity for skiing, fishing, shooting, boating and mountaineering.

"However, because Aberdeen is a boom town and there are local authority restrictions on building, finding houses can be a challenge. Some of our people have had to buy property well outside the city."

For industrial relations officer Nick Dibble the move to Aberdeen is his 14th in as many years. He joined Phillips seven years ago at the Teesside Terminal after service in the R.A.F.

Nick's plans were, however, threatened by the problems of finding suitable housing, but eventually he moved to the village of Cove with his wife and two sons. He said: "We find Aberdeen people very friendly."

The Maureen project has also meant a welcome return to the UK for engineering director Dave Wootton, who joined the company ten years ago and has been working in Texas and in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea.

He too has had to move outside Aberdeen, nineteen miles away at Banchory. He said: "The countryside is really beautiful and there is plenty to see if you are interested in history."

Another person transferred to Aberdeen is Dave Perks, who moved north from the Teesside Terminal and is now responsible for safety and equipment inspection.

He said: "The initial stage of any new project is always the most exciting. We are very busy putting together the Maureen safety procedures. Is is important that we get everyone up to a high degree of awareness so that they are well drilled before they go offshore."

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 708.2 up 4.5
FT Gilts: 81.71 down 0.17
FT All Share: 445.39 up 0.58 (Datastream estimate)
Bargains: 21,055
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 99.53 down 0.63
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1240.75 up 9.45
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,424.34 down 25.76
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 690.06 down 24.95
Amsterdam: 150.1
Sydney: AO Index 697.4 down 14
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 941.50 up 1.0
Brussels: General Index 130.89 down 0.08
Paris: CAC Index 189.5 unchanged
Zurich: SKA General 288.4 down 0.4

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.4750 down 90pts
Index 82.7 down 0.2
DM 3.8750 down 1.0150
FrF 11.81 down 0.61
Yen 345.25 down 2.25
Dollar
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NEW YORK LATEST
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INTERNATIONAL
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INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week fixed 9
3 month interbank 9½-9⅜
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9½-9⅜
3 month DM 5⅞-5¾
3 month Fr F14⅝-14⅜
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9½
Treasury long bond 104¾-104⅞
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 7 to October 4, 1983 Inclusive: 9.719 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am $392.75 pm $393.50
close $394.25-£267.25
New York latest: $394.50
Krugerrand* (per coin): $406-407.5 (£275.25-276.25)
Sovereigns* (new): $92.50-93.50 (£62.75-63.50)
*Excludes VAT

TODAY

Interims: Crowther (John Group, Hambro Life Assurance, Higgs and Hill, House of Lerose, Laing Properties, Martin Albert Holdings, **Finals:** Amstrad, Dunton Group, Precious Metals Trust, Renishaw, Save and Prosper Sterling Deposits, Young (H) Holdings.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Amersham International, St Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, SW1 (Noon).
Argyll Foods, Inter-Continental Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, W1 (noon).
Vcommonwealth Development Finance Company, Colechurch House, 1 London Bridge Walk (3.45).
Dale Electric International, Royal York Hotel (noon).
Davy Corporation, Cavendish Conference Centre, Duchess Street, W1 (noon).
Ellis Everard, Grand Hotel, Leicester (noon).
Haslemere Estates, 4 Carlos Place, Mayfair, W1 (noon).
Highgate and Job, 51 Moss Street, Paisley, Strathclyde (12.30).
Pifco Holdings, Great Queen Street, WC2 (noon).
Routledge & Keegan Paul, Partridge House, Henley-on-Thames (10.00).
TR City of London Trust, Mermaid House, Puddle Dock, EC4 (11.45).
Victor Products, Church Bank Offices, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear (11.45).

● Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, is to visit China this year to build on the already strong links between the British and the Chinese oil and coal industries.

● Croda International, the specialist chemicals group which last year successfully fought off an £80m takeover bid from Burmah Oil, has completed the sale of its synthetic chemicals division to Royal Dutch Shell for £14.5m.

● The International Monetary Fund has relaxed it refusal to make new loans with borrowed funds to allow Portugal and some other smaller countries to take the loans they have already negotiated.

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Timing of base rate cut partly to blame for pressure on sterling

Bank intervenes as pound's 90-point fall takes dealers by surprise

By Peter Wilson-Smith and Frances Williams

Sterling came under pressure in nervous foreign exchange markets yesterday, leaving dealers non-plussed and uncertain over its future direction.

At one point, the Bank of England was reported to be intervening to smooth sterling's fall, and by the afternoon the pound was managing a modest recovery. It closed 90 points lower against a firmer dollar at $1.4750 for a two-day fall of 2.2 cents.

The pound's trade-weighted value against a basket of currencies slipped 0.2 to 82.7, the lowest for more than five months.

Dealers were at a loss to explain fully the downward pressure. However, the timing of the base rate cut on Monday, when the big banks cut their rates from 9½ to 9 per cent, seems to have taken the markets by surprise. Dealers were saying last week that the base rate cut was already discounted in the markets, but most had expected the move to come later in the week.

Recent signs of some softening in spot oil prices, a general feeling that sterling was overvalued and the expectation that a weaker dollar would drag down sterling were also cited as explanations of the fall.

Yesterday's Bank intervention was said by dealers to have been modest.

Confirmation that the authorities have been intervening only modestly in recent weeks to dampen fluctuations came yesterday with publication of the official reserves for August. These show a modest underlying fall in the reserves of $76m, compared with a small rise of $28m the previous month.

UK RESERVES	$m	£m	Change month ($m)
1983			
Jan	15,854	11,049	−143
Feb	16,578	10,939	−276
March*	17,837	11,702	−287
April	17,856	11,303	+319
May	17,924	11,160	+268
June	17,714	11,458	−210
July	17,940	11,799	+226
Aug	18,009	12,057	+69
Sept	17,902	11,975	−107

* Reserves revalued each end-March
Source: Treasury

The fall, which provides a rough and ready guide to the Bank of England's operations in the foreign exchange markets, reflected a steady weakening of the pound over the month, despite erratic movements up and down. Its average value against a basket of European currencies fell by nearly 2 per cent, although it was little changed against the dollar.

The downward drift was most pronounced towards the end of the month as the markets came increasingly to expect a cut in base rates.

Britain's reserves of gold and foreign currencies amounted to $17,902m (£11,975m) at the end of September, a drop of $107m from August. This includes new foreign borrowings of $52m and repayments of $83m by official organizations under the exchange cover scheme. Those are stripped out of the underlying $76m change.

Much of sterling's fall yesterday occurred overnight and in the early morning in Europe. At one point it touched $1.4710 against the dollar before it recovered, and against the Deutschemark it reached DM3.8650 before closing 1½ pfennigs lower on the day at DM3.8750.

Some dealers were speculating that the snowball effect could take the presently fragile sterling still lower. However, other analysts were suggesting that sterling was already beginning to find a new level and that most of the nervousness was over.

City Editor's Comment

Hongkong dominoes start to fall

Less than three months ago, the Hang Seng index of HongKong share prices stood around 1100. Yesterday, after the sixth successive day of losses, it plunged below 700.

Rarely can there have been so dramatic a loss of confidence and, more worryingly, it is clear that the colony's actions to shore up the system, by taking over the ailing Hang Lang bank and raising interest rates by 2 per cent to stop a run on the currency, have yet to make much impact.

Yesterday's drop had one consolation. After the index fell 34 points in the first hour of trading, it looked as though Monday's 45 point drop might be left far behind. But this proved the worst and prices recovered slightly to leave the Hang Seng down 24.95 points on the day at 690.6, its worst level this year. And prices of HongKong shares were slightly firmer in London last night, largely as a result of a slight firming in the HongKong dollor.

The origin of all this, the nerve-wracking Anglo–Chinese talks over the colony's future when the treaties start running out in 14 years' time, has now been left behind.

The worries are now caused by actual, if sometimes consequential, events: the bank troubles and their ripple effects; the falling currency which threatens inflation and money supply problems; and the rise in interest rates itself, which has increased the financial difficulties of the already shaky-looking property companies

The idea that Hongkong could be peacefully transferred to mainland China as an enclave of capitalism so pure that it had become Professor Milton Friedman's star exhibit, always looked unrealistic. It became more so as the emphasis on finance and property intensified.

Those who should have known better trumpeted the irrelevance of the looming treaty problem, claiming that they would easily get their money back on even the most ambitious property project, so great was the booming demand for land redevelopment, one of Hongkong's scarcest commodities.

Yet, as Britain discovered in the early seventies, financial institutions built on the apparent security of bricks and mortar, though at inflated prices, are the shakiest of all. Property is a numbers game and if the numbers go wrong, it is hard to stop the ensuing domino effect.

That effect, oddly enough, may be easier to counteract in Hongkong than it was in Britain. Fantastic financial bubbles and bursts in the past have been take with far more equanimity in Hongkong that they would be in Britain, where we were not used to such financial switchbacks. The economy and traders fo Hongkong have, after all, prospered partly because of their legendary flexibility.

Nonetheless, the changes on this occasion are of a far greater order than before. The government has begun to act as lender of last resort and is at least studying the idea of establishing a central bank for the first time in all but name.

Sir John Bremridge, the financial secretary drawn from industry, is understandably cations about such a momentous step. But clearly that phase of the economy which rested on confidence and momentum has come to an end. There is plenty more to Hongkong and that will continue.

The present blood-letting had to take place some. It will serve a useful purpose if it convinces policymakers that their idea of simply perpetuating the present economic system under new ownership was never more than an ill thought-out dream.

Lloyd's firms to reveal accounts

By Andrew Cornelius

Syndicates and members' agents working in the Lloyd's of London insurance market must open their books to the public from next year.

In the latest of a series of move aimed at curbing abuses at Lloyd's the 28-man ruling council yesterday endorsed a proposal that annual reports of syndicates and members' agents should be lodged in a central registry at Lloyd's. Members of the public and individual names (who put money into the market) will be able to sutdy the reports.

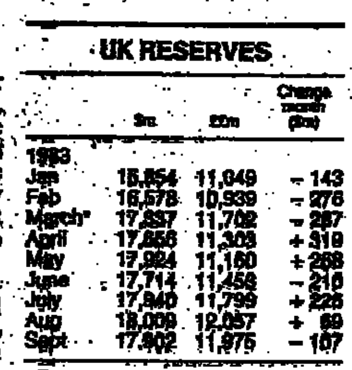
Mr Ian Davison, chief executive at Lloyd's, said that the proposal replaced the previous suggestion that Lloyd's should establish a central register of agents interests, with a separate private register which quantified the value of these interests. Instead, he said, all the relavant disclosures would be included in the annual reports of syndicates with nothing withheld from the public.

The annual reports will include full disclosure of the material interests of underwriting agents and the benefits they receive from syndicates.

Individual names will also be able to compare the performance of the Lloyd's syndicates to judge where they might receive the best returns from their investments inthe insurance market.

Under present arrangements names are presented only with information about the performance of their own syndicate and must rely upon a performance table put together by the Association of Members of Lloyd's to judge between syndicates.

Latest figures from the association show average returns from Lloyd's syndicates can vary from as little as £45 for each £10,000 line of business transacted to as much as £1,100 for each £10,000 line with the more successful syndicates.


Davison: "unwrapping the whole lot".

Mr Davison said that two years ago this amount of disclosure would have been unthinkable. "We will be unwrapping the whole lot," he said.

The Rules Committee of Lloyd's has been instructed to draw up procedures to implement the council's decision so that the new rules apply to all 1983 accounts published in the first half of 1984.

A new Lloyd's Accounting and Auditing Standards Committee will be established to advise agents and syndicates on the preparation of accounts to meet the new requirements.

In another move announced yesterday Lloyd's gave news of the $10m acquisition of Toplis and Harding, a Chicago-based firm of loss adjusters from the Getty Oil company. Mr Davison said that the acquisition would be funded by the Corporation of Lloyd's borrowing funds in the US.

New threat to British Steel's joint US deal

From Edward Townsend, Vienna

The European Commission's recent approval of the £170m rebuilding of the British Steel Corporation's Port Talbot strip mill in West Glamorgan would prove to be another delaying factor in the proposed joint steel venture between Britain and the United States.

The Port Talbot development, one the biggest BSC investments for some time, will take several years to complete. Meantime, BSC may find that it needs the strip mill capacity at its giant recession-hit Ravenscraig operation in Lanarkshire, the main source of steel slabs for the proposed deal with United States Steel Corporation.

Mr Robert Haslam, the BSC chairman, who is in Vienna for the seventeenth annual conference of the International Iron and Steel Institute, said yesterday that this proposal, which would involve BSC in a multimillion pound investment in the American steel industry, had an even chance of proceeding.

Ravenscraig has been in trouble since the closure of the former Chrysler car factory at Linwood, near Glasgow, deprived it of a big customer. The planned deal with United States Steel provides a market for semi-finished steel slabs from the plant, which the Government ordered to be kept open, although the strip mill would close.

Mr Haslam, who inherited the United States deal from his predecessor, Mr Ian MacGregor, described it as "one of the most complex I have come across".

A summit meeting between Mr Haslam and Mr David Roderick, chairman and chief executive of US Steel, will be held next month when a final decision on the project will be made.

Mr Haslam said that another significant factor was the need to reach an agreeable balance of the assets that the two partners would be commiting to the joint venture.

Meanwhile, plans are at an advanced stage for the partial privatization of BSC's tube-making activities. It is believed that under the proposed "Phoenix" operation, the tube interests of BSC and TI would be merged, with BSC possibly owning 75 per cent of the equity.

Sears benefits from spending spree

By Jonathan Clare

Sears Holdings, with interests from Selfridges to Freeman, Hardy & Willis, yesterday became the first of the big clothing retailers to show the effects of the spending boom in both profits and dividends.

Its customers spent heavily in the second half it its shoe shops, fashion chains and across the counter of its 828 William Hill betting shops. Sears benefited both from the poor weather at the beginning of the first half and from the hot summer spell.

Customers bought new shoes to keep the water out and later came back for summer casuals. The bookies benefited from more predictable conditions than the previous year.

Profits of £60.3m for the half against £35.2m compare with City expectations of just £45m. Profits forecasts for the year of £130m have been upgraded to £150m or more although much depends on the important Christmas quarter.

The dividend had been increased by 50 per cent adjusted for last year's scrip issue.

Profits from the footwear business in the first six months increased from £19.5m to £32.6m, including a 118 per cent rise in US shoe profits from Butler to £4.8m, helped by the strong dollar.

The department stores – Selfridges and 10 Lewis's outlets – increased profits by 74 per cent to £3.3m. However, the Lewis's stores again made a loss, despite a reorganization. Lewis's made £2m for the year last time and should be in the black again after Christmas.

Sears Holdings
Half-year to 31.7.83
Pretax profit £60.3m (£35.2m)
Stated earnings 2.5p (1.5p)
Turnover £857m (£747m)
Net interim dividend 0.7p (0.7p unadjusted)
Share price 83½p, up 6p

The fashion chains – Wallis and Miss Selfridge – also did well with profits 380 per cent up at £2.4m. But Richard Shops, under Sir Terence Conran's direction, will soon start to compete directly with them.

William Hill, which includes the Playboy chain bought last year for £6m, increased profits from £2.8m to £8.7m though turnover would have been down but for the acquisition.

The motor business – Ford and Vauxhall dealers and a car delivery service – were little changed at £4.5m. But sales were up by 25 per cent against the national average increase of 18 per cent while the second half will be helped by August's heavy "A plate" registrations.

Sears jewelry business is weak, like the other high street jewellers. There is still a question mark over the rump of the engineering interests.

Blue chips start rally

WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones): Shares on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday were extending early gains in a rally that stretched from the Blue Chips to the rest of the market. Turnover remained moderate.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up by about 8 points.

Advancing issues had a 2-to-1 lead over declines.

Citicorp led the list of most active shares, being down 5-8 at 35 5-8. Citibank is a leader of the banking group which is coordinating Argentina's debt rescheduling.

Among other big banks, Chemical was unchanged at 42, Manufacturers Hanover, up 1-4 at 39 1-2 and Chase Manhattan off 1-8, at 48 1-8.

Boeing was ahead by 7-8 to 41 5-8. Shell Oil down 3-4 at 43 3-4. Amstar up 1-4 at 46 1-4. Continental Air up 1-8 at 4.

ConsGold pays chief £405,000

By Michael Prest

Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining and industrial group, has agreed to pay $594,000 (£405,000) to Mr David Lloyd-Jacob the former chairman and chief executive of Gold Fields American Corporation Mr Lloyd-Jacob left the company last year after profits collapsed.

The payment, which is said by Consolidated Gold Fields to be the equivalent of two years' earnings, is revealed in the latest annual report. In the report, Mr Rudolf Agnew, chairman and chief executive of Con Gold, says that the company will continue to move back towards its traditional role as a mining finance house.

The group's earlier policy of diversifying into manufacturing in the United States proved to be Mr Lloyd-Jacob's downfall. Cons Gold made provisions of £87m against Skytop Brewster, a Texan maker of oil-drilling equipment which it has so far failed to sell.

Mr Lloyd-Jacob has been paid $394,000 and has received a loan of $200,000 repayable on November 5, 1984, and carrying interest of 1 per cent below the US prime rate. Another $22,000 will be paid in November next year.

In the annual report, Mr Agnew says: "It is our intention to concentrate the bulk of our investment in mining and construction materials."

Republic's gas may be piped to Belfast

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Plans have been revived to build a pipeline connecting Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic's only natural gas field, off County Cork. An agreement is expected to be announced this month by Mrs Thatcher after the Anglo-Irish talks in London.

The prospect of Belfast and the other main towns in Northern Ireland being connected to natural gas supplies were first discussed in 1980 when the Kinsale field came into operation.

At that time, it was estimated to cost £150m to build a 300-mile long pipeline from Kinsale to Belfast. British Gas has ruled out as uneconomic a link between Northern Ireland and the mainland natural gas system.

In 1980, the Government accepted the British Gas view that it would be more economic to phase out the use of gas in Northern Ireland than to build a pipeline to the mainland.

Two independent reports came to differing conclusions. One report said that connecting the province to the mainland gas network would bring in benefits worth £51m.

The other said that the province's electricity and coal industries would lose £187m a year if natural gas was brought in.

At present, gas is supplied to Northern Ireland by 13 companies, owned privately or by local authorities. They supply Town gas derived from naphta which is three times more expensive than natural gas

The Northern Ireland Office yesterday denied any knowledge of the new proposals, but the province's Department of Economic Development said that a deal "is close".

Christies shares in better art market

By Wayne Lintott

After hitting rock bottom last year, the regeneration of the international fine art market continued to move ahead strongly, according to Christies International.

Reporting subsequentially imporved first-half profits, Mr John Floyd, the chairman said that "in every part of the world where the company operates there are encouraging signs of an uptern in business".

He said that Christies was confident that it would have another good autumn season resulting in an overall record for 1983, – although forecasting the results of auction sales can be hazardous.

Christies International
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £4.1m (£1.1m)
Stated earnings 7.96p (2.39p)
Turnover £21.1m (£16.8m)
Net interim dividend 2.5p (2p)
Dividend payable 24.11.83

Mr Floyd felt that Christies' market share had improved in Britain and the US. All departments had shared in the better times and prices at the top end "were increasing all the time".

Group auction sales improved by 40 per cent in the first half to £119m, which includes the 8 per cent buyers' premium. Increased business raised costs, but expenditure increased by just over 5 per cent.

Christies is also emerging as an important force in the negotiation by national art institutions of the purchase of fine art for the nation. In the first half of 1983, the grup arranged purchases valued at £10m, equivalent to 25 per cent of the deals it transacts at its main London auction room.

Hongkong highlights need for confidence

The biggest threat faced by banks

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Turbulent financial markets and the problems caused by the developing country debt crisis have brought the spectre of banks going bust uncomfortably to the fore over the past couple of years.

Above all, recent events have highlighted the crucial importance of confidence in banking.

Last week the Hongkong Government announced it was taking over Hang Lung Bank because it was unable to meet its liabilities. The bank's problems date from September last year when it suffered a two-day run on its deposits.

Over the weekend it emerged that another bank, Sung Hung Kai Bank, which is part of the leading Hongkong securities group, was being rescued with a £16.6m support package. The reason given was "unfounded rumours about Sun Hung Kai Bank which led to the withdrawal of deposits."

HOW A BANK'S BOOKS BALANCE			
Liabilities		**Assets**	
Deposits	88	Loans	78
Other accounts	6	Liquid assets	18
Capital and reserves	6	Property and investments	4
	100		100

Banks can fail for a number of reasons. One possible cause much discussed over the past year is if a bank has to write off a large amount of loans to a developing country because the loans were deemed worthless.

The table gives a simplified illustration of a typical bank balance sheet. If 10 of the 78 loans had to be written off, the loss would have to be absorbed with capital and reserves. These would be wiped out, the bank would be insolvent

However, such a chain of events, many bankers believe, is relatively unlikely. The real threat, they say, is if confidence in a bank flags and depositors start withdrawing deposits.

Because banks often borrow money for short periods from members of the public and other banks, then lend much of it out for longer periods – a process known as maturity transformation – they are very vulnerable to a run.

To repay depositors they can draw on a buffer in the form of their liquid assets (18 in our example).

However, once the buffer is exhausted, they may simply have to close their doors because most of their assets are in the form of loans, many of which will not be due for repayment for some time.

Central bankers are acutely aware of this danger and problems spreading throughout the system. The West's leading central banks have made clear in the past that resources are available to provide temporary support for banks meeting liquidity problems.

The danger of the problems of one bank spreading throughout the system, leading to a general loss of confidence, explains why banks are rarely allowed to fail.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● edited by Michael Prest

Gilts recover after base rate cut

Gilts suffered a sharp fall of up to ⅜ early yesterday in a somewhat perverse reaction to Monday's base rate cut, but they bounced back to end about an ⅛ higher, suggesting that the market remains fundamentally bullish.

The bull case is that interest rates will not rise, that inflation is tolerably under control, and that sterling's nervousness is temporary. In effect, the market believes that major policy changes are most unlikely in the US, Europe and Japan.

Equally important is the market itself. The Government's heavy over-funding programme means that the amount to be raised between now and mid-April, net of National Savings contributions and including redemptions, is £5,500m. This can be comfortably accommodated.

On top of that, gilts are looking attractive compared with cash and equity alternatives. High coupon longs yield 10.6 per cent and an income of 12 per cent on other stocks is possible over a year.

It is this, more than any other factor, which is probably sustaining the stale bulls locked into the market. Redemptions have been very low in recent weeks, but that could change with any strengthening of the market.

In the short term, therefore, a shake-out is possible. By the end of the year, however, gilt prices should be rising again.

But dissenting voices can be heard. The opening shots in the pay round have been louder and more explosive than in recent years, raising questions about whether inflationary expectations have been broken, and an international debt crisis could upset interest rates.

In the cynics' view, the unaminity of international policy is too good to last.

JAMES HALSTEAD Share price

105 pence · 100 · 95 · 90 · 85 · 80 · 75 · 70 · 65

OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT

James Halstead Group

James Halstead Group
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £2.3m (1.8m)
Stated earnings 9.1p (7.64p)
Turnover £27.8m (£22m)
Net final dividend 1.75p making 3p (3p)
Share price 84p down 5p Yield 5.1%
Dividend payable 9.12.83

James Halstead Group made record pretax profits of £2.3m (£1.8m last time) in the year to June 30. The results owe much to a strong performance from the traditional Halstead floor coverings business which accounts for £16m of the group's £27m turnover.

The commercial property refurbishment and export markets were the growth areas.

Retail sales of floor tiles to the do-it-yourself trade made only steady progress compared with last year.

The Belstaff motorcycle wear business and the Conway leisure division, which sells trailer tents, were both hit by a downturn in demand. Motorcycle sales were affected by lower demand from young customers who are short of cash because of high unemployment. The trailer tent business slumped because of wet weather in the April-to-June selling season.

This delay in incorporating the holiday company accounts will rebound upon shareholders in the current year. Losses from Averoy and Wigwam for the year to October 1982 are expected to total about £600,000, which will almost certainly swallow any further growth from the floor coverings side.

The built-in time lag for reporting the holiday division profits means it will be difficult for the group to match the £2.3m pretax profits achieved in the current year. But at yesterday's closing price of 84p the shares are in the middle of their range for the year and offer a strong yield of 5.1 per cent. They sell on a price earnings ratio of 10.8.

Arthur Bell

Arthur Bell & Sons
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £31.3m (£27.6m)
Stated earnings 18.62p (14.94p)
Turnover £246.7m (£245.6m)
Net dividend 4.1p
Share price 135p down 8p. Yield 4.2%

Full-year results yesterday from Arthur Bell did nothing to reverse the market's view that the Scotch whisky group has run out of growth. This view has been reflected increasingly in the company's share price over the last six months and the shares fell a further 8p to 135p.

Pretax profits for the year to the end of last June are up from £27.6m to £31.3m. But the whole of this increase derived from price rises in home and export markets and an increase in interest received on the group's £30m cash mountain – now worth nearly 30p a share.

Volume, for the first time in many years, was virtually unchanged, a 5 per cent fall in the home market being balanced by higher exports.

This is admittedly considerably better than the performance of the industry as a whole, but it does not live up to the growth stock rating once put on the shares.

A further rise of perhaps £3m in profits can be expected this year, but again the main impetus will come from price increases and financial items.

Moreover, although the group will make more progress in export markets, its 22 per cent share of the British market is plainly under threat from Distillers, which will spearhead a new onslaught on the market with the relaunch of Johnnie Walker Red Label next month.

Mr Raymond Miquel, the Arthur Bell chairman, thinks the relaunch will be a non-event, but Distillers' ability to recapture lost British market share should not be underestimated.

The temptation to splash the £30m of cash on an acquisition must be great, but it is difficult to see where Bell could invest the money to earn the return on capital employed of well over 20 per cent that it makes on whiskey.

It is still clearly the company's aim to make Bell's into a leading brand in the US. Attempts to do this have suffered a number of false starts, but given the company's legendary ability for hard slog, it is worth staying with the shares to see if this ambition can be realized.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Cape Industries
Half-year to 30.6.83.
Pretax profit £3.4m (£2m)
Stated earnings 10.4p (5.6p)
Turnover £108.9m (£113.9m)
Net interim dividend 1.7p (same)

Somportex Holdings
Year to 30.4.83.
Pretax loss £396,000 (£65,000)
Loss per share 10.38p (2.03p)
Turnover £4.6m (£7.6m)
Net dividend 1p (1.5p)

Silentnight Holdings
Half-year to 31.7.83.
Pretax profit £2.1m (£1.9m)
Stated earnings 3.9p (3.62p)
Turnover £35.6m (£35.9m)
Net interim dividend 1p (same)

Watts, Blake, Bearne
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £1.6m (£1.9m)
Stated earnings 4.5p (5.5p)
Turnover £12.7m (£13m)
Net interim dividend 1.5p (1.42p)

A. Beckman
Year to 30.6.83.
Attributable profit £736,000 (£1m)
Stated earnings 7.2p (9.8p)
Turnover £13.3m (£14.5m)
Net dividend 5.73p (same)

Raine Industries
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £724,000 (£276,000)
Stated earnings 3.7p (1.3p)
Turnover £13.5m (£11.8m)
Net dividend 0.64 (0.4p)

Cliffords Dairies
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £1.5m (£1.3m)
Stated earnings 9.92p (8.94p)
Turnover £32.5m (£30m)
Net interim dividend 2p (1.8p)

British Syphon Industries
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £86,000 (£2,000)
Stated earnings 0.77p (nil)
Turnover £10.9m (£10.6m)
Net interim dividend none (0.5p)

Elbar Industrial
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax loss £178,000 (£1.2m)
Loss per share 3.9p (25.82p)
Turnover £36.3m (£33.8m)
Net interim dividend none (same)

● **Bullough**:–The company has bought Johnson and Starley of Northampton from Dana Europe for £2.9m in cash. Johnson, which is a leading manufacturer of warm-air central heating units, made trading profits of £750,000 on sales of £5.2m in the 10 months to the end of last August and has assets of about £700,000.

● **A and G Security**:–The company has acquired the stock and assets of Swindon-based Codeg Security Systems, a manufacturer of commercial and residential alarm equipment. Production of these products is to be transferred to A and G's Burnley factory.

● **Automotive Products**:–The company is to sell for cash its silencer manufacturing business in Wigan to Bosal (UK), a Belgium-owned company in the same business. Bosal plans to maintain existing jobs at the factory in Wigan.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne;
Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton;
Gas-oil in US per metric ton.

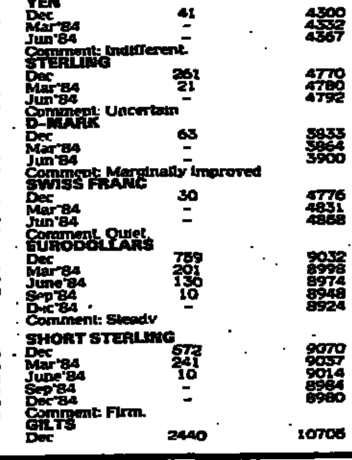
RUBBER	
Nov	800-78
Dec	790-76
Jan. Mch	788-87
Apl / Jne	808-07
Jly. Sep	823-22
Oct · Dec	838-37
Jan · Mch	853-52
Apl Jne	870-68
Jly · Sep	844-81
Vol.	131
Tone: Quiet.	

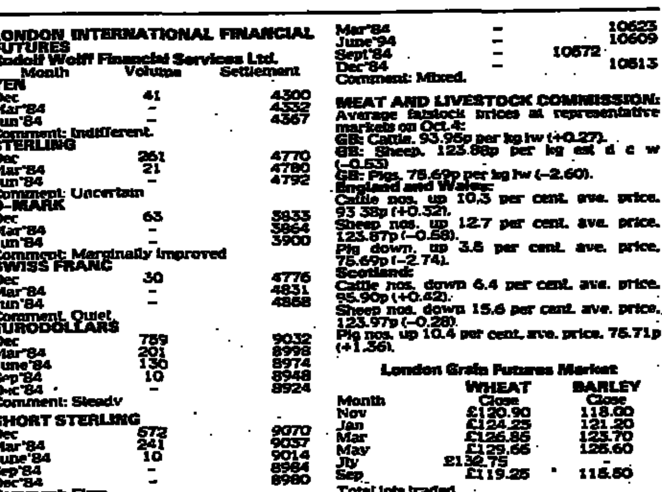
SUGAR	
Dec	182.00-80 50
Mch	190.25
May	195.00-94.50
Vol.	6272
Tone: Very steady.	

COCOA	
Oct	395.00-94.00
Dec	399 80-99.40
Feb	406.20-06.90
Apr	413 30-12.60
Jun	420.50-19.00
Aug	427.30-25.30
Vol	836
Tone: Steady	

COFFEE	
Nov	1863-1859
Jan	1843-1841
Mar	1758-1757
May	1727-1726
July	1697-1692
Sep	1680-1670
Nov	1660-1646
Vol:	3.852
Tone: Steady.	

GAS OIL	
Oct	241.50-242.00
Nov	245.75-246.00
Dec	248.25-248.50
Jan	249.25-249.50
Feb	246.50-248.00
Mar	239.00-247.00
Apr	236 00-246.00
May	235.00-248 00
Jun	225.00-250.00
Vol:6.630	
Tone: Steady.	





LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	968 00-966.00
Three months	989.50- 990.00
T.O	9450
Tone. Steady	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	942-943
Three months	967.50- 968.00
T.O	Quiet
Tone: Idle.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	8475-8485
Three months	8566-8566
T.O:	930
Tone: Steady	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	8480-8490
Three months	8570-8571
T.O:	nil.
Tone: Idle.	
LEAD	
Cash	268.50-269.50
Three months	278.50-279.00
T.O:	4000.
Tone: Easier.	
ZINC	
Cash	561-552
Three months	567-567.50
T.O:	3100
Tone: Barely steady.	
SILVER	
Cash	705-706
Three months	722-722.5
T.O:	86
Tone: Barely steady	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	1046-1047
Three months	1074 50-1045
T.O:	5.950
Tone: Barely steady	
NICKEL	
Cash	3030-3035
Three months	3105-3110
T.O:	1470
Tone: Very steady.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Oct	394.00-395.00
Dec	399 40-399.80
Feb	405.90-406.20
Apr	412 60-413.30
Jun	419.00-420.50
Aug	425.30-427.30
Volume: 836.	
Tone: Steadier.	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Volume	Settlement
YEN		
Dec	41	4300
Mar'84	–	4332
Jun'84	–	4367
Comment: Indifferent.		
STERLING		
Dec	261	4770
Mar'84	21	4780
Jun'84	–	4792
Comment: Uncertain		
D-MARK		
Dec	63	3833
Mar'84	–	3864
Jun'84	–	3900
Comment: Marginally improved		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec	30	4776
Mar'84	–	4831
Jun'84	–	4858
Comment. Quiet.		
EURODOLLARS		
Dec	789	9032
Mar'84	201	8998
June'84	130	8974
Sep'84	10	8948
Dec'84	–	8924
Comment: Steady		
SHORT STERLING		
Dec	572	9070
Mar'84	241	9037
June'84	10	9014
Sep'84	–	8984
Dec'84	–	8980
Comment: Firm.		
GILTS		
Dec	2440	10705
Mar'84	–	10623
June'84	–	10609
Sept'84	–	10572
Dec'84	–	10613
Comment: Mixed.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on Oct.4:
GB: Cattle. 93.95p per kg lw (+0.27).
GB: Sheep. 123.88p per kg est d c w (–0.53).
GB: Pigs. 75.69p per kg lw (–2.60).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 10.3 per cent. ave. price. 93 38p (+0.32).
Sheep nos. up 12.7 per cent. ave. price. 123.87p (–0.58).
Pig down. up 3.8 per cent. ave. price. 75.69p (–2.74).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 6.4 per cent. ave. price. 95.90p (+0.42).
Sheep nos. down 15.6 per cent. ave. price. 123.97p (–0.28).
Pig nos. up 10.4 per cent. ave. price. 75.71p (+1.36).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT Close	BARLEY Close
Nov	£120.90	118.00
Jan	£124.25	121.20
Mar	£126.85	123.70
May	£129.66	125.60
Jly	£132.75	–
Sep	£119.25	115.60

Total lots traded
Wheat: 88
Barley: 39

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent, assesses the failure of the IMF annual meeting

Why the worst financial fears persist

Finance ministers left last week's meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Washington professing themselves well satisfied with the results.

Against the background of a brightening outlook for the world economy, they secured agreement on the touchy issue of how much the Fund should lend to cash-strapped countries, heard President Reagan put the full weight of his authority behind moves to get Congress to approve the American share of increased Fund resources and, on the side, helped stitch up a financing package for beleagured Brazil.

Yet for many observers the meeting has served only to deepen their fears of global financial calamity. Ministers came nowhere near resolving the fundamental question at issue: who is going to stump up the cash Third World countries need to develop their economies and reduce indebtedness now that the commercial banks are no longer willing or able to do so? On the contrary, the universal message from the rich nations was "count me out"?.

After a decade in which bank finance for developing countries multiplied from virtually nothing to the largest single source of outside funds last year – accounting for more than 40 per cent of the $85,000m channelled to the Third World – new lending has slowed to a trickle as banks have tried to minimize commitments to countries in financial trouble or thought to be at risk.

Into the breach has stepped the IMF, its managing director M Jacques de Larosière at the helm, to avert disaster. By coupling its loans to stringent austerity programmes on the one hand, and to a continuing flow of cash from commercial banks on the other, the Fund has wielded influence out of all proportion to its tiny resources.

Yet its ability to meet the demands upon it by country after country hit by recession and indebtedness is now threatened by a shortage of resources. The Fund itself is in danger of going broke.

IMF loan commitments outstanding and available resources
$ billions

	IMF conditional lending		Available resources	
	Commitments	Undisbursed	Undrawn credit lines[1]	Usable currencies
April 30, 1979	2.0	1.8	–	11.2
April 30, 1980	3.9	3.4	9.2	13.4
April 30, 1981	11.5	9.8	6.4	28.4
June 30, 1982	16.0	10.8	12.3	19.0
June 30, 1983	25.9	15.9	5.6	13.0e

[1] Excludes existing GAB credit lines, which are restricted to the ten major industrial countries.

Source: Morgan Guaranty Trust.

M de Larosière, who took the extreme step before the Washington meeting of halting all new loans from borrowed resources in an attempt to highlight the Fund's financial plight, can scarcely have been comforted by what followed.

Political wranglings in the United States Congress have grounded legislation to push through the Americans' $8,400m share of increased IMF resources agreed earlier this year. Despite President Reagan's appeal last week when he warned of a global "economic nightmare" if the Bill failed, the outcome remains in doubt. At best, approval cannot come before November.

Failure of the Americans to come up with their share would spell disaster for the Fund. It has been banking on a 48 per cent increase in country contributions or quotas, to take effect at the beginning of 1984, coupled with a big increase in the General Arrangments to Borrow put up by the leading industrial countries and Saudi Arabia.

Together these would double the usable resources of the Fund, with the United States providing a quarter of the increase.

Finance ministers and central bankers were reluctant last week even to peep over the precipice to see what might happen if Congress refused to ratify the US share. They have clutched at assurances by the US Administration that the Bill will be passed. But the danger remains.

In addition, M de Larosière failed to secure the agreement of industrial countries (not including the United States), to come up with a $3,000m loan, to be matched by Saudi Arabia, to bridge the Fund's "commitments gap" this year. The IMF has already made lending commitments which exceed its usable resources by about $3,000m. By the end of the year that gap will have doubled.

The loan, organized through the Bank for International Settlements, has been held up largely because the countries involved wanted to exert maximum pressure on a recalcitrant Congress. That card has been played and trumped.

Now some countries, notably Germany, are complaining that the US is not doing its fair share and are looking for some reciprocal move by the US, perhaps in the form of direct bilateral help for Brazil.

Though ministers were last week expressing optimism that the loan would go through, perhaps even before Congress makes up its mind, M de Larosière does not yet have it in the bag.

Worse. Fund calculations suggest that even the quota increase, the expanded GAB, and the $6,000m additional loan will not be enough to meet likely demands from borrowers in financial straits.

Though M de Larosière has declined to put a figure on it, Señor Miguel Boyer, the Spanish Finance Minister who chaired last week's plenary meeting, told reporters the Fund might need up to $8,000m more next year.

Squeezing a loan of this size out of the industrial countries, given the problems with the $3,000m from the BIS, will tax M de Larosière's persuasive powers to the limit.

At the same time, IMF recourse to private capital markets is bitterly opposed by key member countries, including the United States and Germany, which fear it will dilute their control of the Fund and represent an easy option for commercial banks which might be tempered to abandon more risky direct loans to developing countries.

The Americans, whose mood of economic isolationism makes greater cash help for the Fund highly unlikely, have insisted that the problem be tackled from the other end by curbing IMF commitments.

With one eye on a hostile Congress, ready to exploit any evidence of Fund profligacy, Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, held out for, and got, a *reduction in borrowing limits* next year, though with no promises for future years.

Increases in IMF credit to selected S American debtors
$ billions

	1981	1982	Est 1983*
Argentina	–	–	1.85
Brazil	–	–	2.14
Chile	–0.06	–0.04	0.63
Ecuador	–	–	0.13
Mexico	–	0.22	1.08
Peru	–0.05	0.28	0.21
Venezuela	–	–	–
Subtotal	–0.11	3.4	55.1
% of current account deficit	–0.3	3.4	55.0

Source: Morgan Guaranty Trust

In an awkward compromise dreamed up by the British, most countries will be limited to loans of 102 per cent of the new, increased quotas from 150 per cent now, but with a higher limit of 125 per cent for countries deemed to have exceptional problems which should ensure that no country suffers a cut in its cash entitlement.

Mr Regan's shenanigans had a deeper purpose, however. The US is worried that the Fund is being transformed from a provider of emergency funds to cover strictly temporary balance of payments problems, into a source of long-term finance for the Third World.

For others this would be a welcome development. They argue that, in present circumstances, countries in trouble may need Fund help for longer and the IMF should give this explicit recognition, tempering its often harsh adjustment programmes accordingly. Here is a debate which has only just begun.

The debate will inevitably gather pace because, having survived the immediate crisis after the Mexico debacle last year, people are now turning their minds to what happens next.

The emergency programmes, with their rescheduling of loans to fall due a few years hence, merely put off the evil day. In the longer run all agree that some way must be found of replacing short-term bank lending with longer-term funds to help finance Third World economic development, increase exports and reduce indebtedness.

But there were few crumbs of comfort to be found in Washington last week. It is not at all clear where the new funds are to come from.

If the United States has its way, they will certainly not come from the World Bank or its soft loan arm, the International Development Association. IDA provides heavily subsidized loans to the very poorest countries which have no access to private capital markets.

The Americans managed to block any agreement last week on increased funds for IDA and on a selective capital increase for the World Bank, even though the second involves no new American commitment.

Though there are some hopes that it may relent on World Bank finances, if and when the quota increase has gone through Congress, the future of IDA may now be in jeopardy.

There is not much prospect of a big increase in official aid, with industrial countries obsessed by restraining public spending. Nor can direct investment by private companies, which has been steadily declining in recent years, plug the gap in the foreseeable future.

That means that developing countries have no option but to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. But, here too, the omens are unpropitious. World recovery, on which their export earnings depend, remains threatened by high American interest rates. These rates keep up the burden of debt servicing.

At the same time there are fears that growing protectionism may prevent the upswing in the industrial countries from being transmitted to the developing world.

The consequences could be dire. For the Third World slow growth will mean greater misery, posing the threat – as World Bank president Mr A. W. "Tom" Clausen has eloquently stated – to global social and political stability.

For the rich countries, the prospect of financial failure (precipitating bankruptcy and job losses at home), as debtor countries default on or repudiate their debts remains uncomfortably close. Last week in Washington did nothing to alleviate their fears.

WALL STREET

	Oct 3	Sept 30
AMF Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Chem	57	[illegible]
Allied Stores	50	50
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	17
Alcoa	[illegible]	45
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Can	[illegible]	42
Am Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Elec Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Home	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Nat Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Telephone	[illegible]	65
Armco Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	32
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atlantic Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	35	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	44	[illegible]
Bank of America	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bethlehem Steel	[illegible]	23
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Ind	[illegible]	39
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	[illegible]	15
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	48
Chem Bank NY	42	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]
CBS	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	33	33
Combustion Eng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comwlth Edison	[illegible]	27
Cons Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	47	47
Cons Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Continental Grp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	79	[illegible]
CPC Intnl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crane	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	[illegible]	32
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart & Kraft	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney	[illegible]	62
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	52
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	46
El Paso Nat Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Esmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans P D	15	15
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed Dept Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Interst Bncp	[illegible]	[illegible]

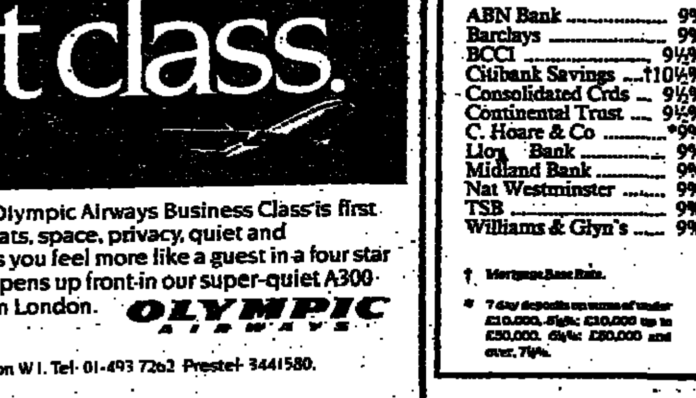
	Oct 3	Sept 30
Pit Penn Corp	7	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]
GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Foods	47	47
Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Getty Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich	34	[illegible]
Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould Inc	[illegible]	32
Grace	[illegible]	49
Gt Atlc & Pacific	[illegible]	13
Greyhound	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grumman Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	42
Gulf & West	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz H J.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
IC Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingersoll	52	[illegible]
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Harvester	[illegible]	[illegible]
INCO	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Tel Tel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Irving Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jim Walter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johnson & John	45	[illegible]
Kaiser Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	33
Kimberly Clark	[illegible]	[illegible]
K Mart	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger	[illegible]	[illegible]
L T V Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lucky Stores	21	[illegible]
Manuf Hanover	[illegible]	38
Manville Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mapco	25	[illegible]
Marine Midland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Martin Marietta	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonnell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mead	34	34
Merck	97	[illegible]
Minnesota Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Oil	[illegible]	31
Monsanto	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morgan J P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola	140	140
NCR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
NL Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nabisco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Distillers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Med Ent	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk South	[illegible]	68
NW Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olin Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens-Illinois	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Gas Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney J C.	59	[illegible]
Pennzoil	36	[illegible]
Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Philip Morris	67	[illegible]
Phillips Petrol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
PPG Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Proctor Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Oct 3	Sept 30
Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Republic Steel	27	[illegible]
Reynolds Ind	57	[illegible]
Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	38
Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Regis Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schlumberger	53	[illegible]
Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans	38	[illegible]
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	24	[illegible]
Smithkline Beck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Califnia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Indiana	48	48
Std Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stevens J P	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco	35	36
Texas East Corp	50	[illegible]
Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
TWA	31	[illegible]
Travelers Corp	[illegible]	31
TRW Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
UAL Inc	29	29
Union Carbide	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Un Pacific Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Uniroyal	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Utd Technol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Comms	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert	29	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westinghse Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weyerhauser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

	Oct 3	Sept 30
Abitibi	24	[illegible]
Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Algoma Steel	31	31
Bell Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Bathurst	23	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	19
Hawker Sid Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hudson Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imperial Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Pipe	29	30
Mass-Ferguson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Trustco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	44
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thomson N 'A'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker Hiram	[illegible]	[illegible]
WCT	[illegible]	[illegible]

*Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.



Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9½%
Citibank Savings	†10½%
Consolidated Crds	9½%
Continental Trust	9½%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, [illegible]; £10,000 up to £50,000, [illegible]; £50,000 and over, [illegible].

FOOTBALL: MILK CUP CONTINUES WITH INTRIGUING SECOND ROUND TIES

Brazil's season about to turn sour in the reserves

Alan Brazil, the Scottish international forward, has been dropped by Tottenham Hotspur for tonight's Milk Cup tie against Lincoln City at White Hart Lane.

Brazil, signed last March for £450,000 from Ipswich, has not scored in the League this season and was substituted during the 2-1 win over Nottingham Forest on Sunday. He plays instead in a reserve match against Swansea.

Keith Burkinshaw, Tottenham's manager, said that Brazil had looked edgy and was lacking in confidence. He will be joined in the reserves by several other senior players, including Price and Crooks. Hazard could be recalled to the first team after a number of promising reserve performances.

Hazard has played only one first team game this season, that being the 3-1 defeat at Ipswich on the opening day, and vies with Brooke for the vacant midfield place. Peter Shreeves, assistant manager, said: "We have had two good reports of Hazard in his last couple of reserve games. He got two goals in the 7-1 win at Crystal Palace on Saturday".

Archibald, Tottenham's other Scottish striker, who himself was out of favour earlier this season, looks set to partner Falco up front.

Newcastle United will be unchanged for their home game with Oxford United, the Third division leaders at St James's Park if Wharton, their midfield player, recovers from a stomach disorder. Oxford are likewise unchanged.

The Football League have refused to postpone tonight's second round first leg tie between Ipswich Town and Blackburn Rovers at Portman Road. Blackburn asked for a postponement, because of an injury crisis. Seven first team regulars have been having treatment and Bob Saxton, their manager, had only ten players available for selection. These included two without League experience. Mr Saxton will not be able to name a team until just before the game.

Although disappointment at the League's decision, Mr Saxton said that Blackburn would fulfil the fixture. "We shall field a team, but some of the palyers will not be fit," he said. "It will mean playing under a handicap but we will obey the League's instructions no matter what the cost."

O'Keefe is ruled out because of a bruised pelvis and Gennoe, the only other experienced goalkeeper on the staff, has been out for four matches because of a thigh muscle strain. He will probably have to play for Mr Saxton will not risk an inexperienced young player. Brotherston will also be back in the side after an absence of three games through damaged ankle ligaments.

John Neal, Chelsea's manager, retains the side which did so well to win at Huddersfield on Saturday to take on Leicester City. As in the 3-2 victory, Speedie will be the substitute.

Joseph and Cassells satisfactorily came through a midweek League match against Bournemouth at Northolt yesterday and will be in the Brentford team to play Liverpool.

Fred Callaghan, the manager, delays team selection until checking on the fitness of Hurlock, who is suffercring from a knee injury.

McCluskey, a £140,000 newcomer from Glasgow Celtic, loses his place in the Leeds United side against Chester.



Brazil: his place is taken by Brooke

Malvern in a class of their own

By George Chesterton

Malvern ... 2
Charterhouse ... 0

Malvern School scored both goals in the first half, and although Charterhouse fought back well, they could not overcome the Malvern defence.

Both sides adapted quickly to the fast tempo of a skilful contest. Malvern just had the edge in midfield, but it was a quarter of an hour before there was a serious shot at goal. It came from Morton, but Taylor, in the Charterhouse goal had it well covered. With 20 minutes gone, Malvern attacked on the right wing, Foster lofting the ball to the far post, where McCormick nodded the ball wide of Taylor for the first goal.

From the restart, Charterhouse ran clear, and Pratt put in the hardest shot of the day, which Hemsworth saved well.

Ibru always threatened when the ball was in the Malvern area. Indeed, he nearly capitalized on a weak back pass, a crisis averted for Malvern by Collins. A quick midfield move gave Morton a scoring chance and, although he had Taylor well beaten, his shot hit the post. The clearance was returned to Steel, who, in helping the ball forward, gave it a twist which sent it spinning past Taylor into the net.

Charterhouse started well in the second half, Ibru just pushing the ball wide, Davis followed with a long, looping shot, hitting the crossbar and within moments tried again, this time heading over the bar. Malvern's defence held under the pressure, Collins being particularly steady. Harris had to go off injured and his skill was sadly missed in midfield by Malvern. Charterhouse continued to press strongly, having another near miss when Van Hengel headed just too high. Both sides tired in the latter stages as the fast pace began to tell.

MALVERN: S Hemsworth; C Foster, M Steele, C Collins, N MacLaurin, L Lindsay, S Wills, S Harris, A McCormick, T Young, D Morton, G King.

CHARTERHOUSE: R Taylor; C Coe, H Meesman, P Van Hengel, J Golder, J Waters, K Frearson, R Faulkner, O Ibru, J Davis, H Pratt, D Adomakoh.

Unburying the hatchet and forgetting the old pals act

Bonn, (Reuter) – An unusually jittery West Germany face Austria in Gelsenkirchen today in a crucial match which could decide which nation goes through to the European championship finals in France next Summer. The West German trainer, Jupp Derwall, under constant attack from football followers and the media after a series of poor displays by the national team in the past year, knows his side must win to retain a good chance of qualifying from group six.

On the face of it, the West Germans should be feeling at ease. No European side has beaten them at home for nine years, and they have won four and drawn one of their five matches with the Austrians in the past four seasons. But the team's performances last month, a drab 1-1 draw with Hungary in Budapest and a dismal 4-2 defeat at the hands of Bayern Munich in the Gerd Müller testimonial, have left the West Germans far from confident.

Derwall says he needs two men like the hard-working Uli Stielike in his team. But he was left without even one when Stielike, the Real Madrid *libero*, withdrew because of a leg injury. His replacement is likely to be the uncapped but experienced sweeper from Bayern Munich, Klaus Augenthaler.

Derwall has left out the erratic midfielder player, Hansi Müller of Internazionale, and is also expected to drop the winger, Pierre Littbarski, who has rarely found his best form since the World Cup. The four-man midfield will be led by the brilliant but inconsistent Barcelona player, Bernd Schuster.

The game should help to wipe away the memory of the distasteful 1-0 West German victory over Austria in Spain, when the teams were content to play out time, knowing the score guaranteed them both places in the second phase of the World Cup finals. This time Austria, whose chances of reaching the European Championship finals took a knock whent they lost 3-1 to Northern Ireland in Belfast last month, cannot be content even with a draw.

Though Austria lead group six with nine points from six games, West Germany are four points behind with two matches in hand, and play all their remaining fixtures at home. Northern Ireland, also with nine points from six games, will profit from any slip-ups.

The Austrian trainer, Erich Hof is hoping the long-serving forward Hans Krankl rediscovers his scoring touch. Krankl, has gone through a barren spell since returning to Austria from Barcelona, but scored his first goal of the season last weekend.

Hof has selected four exiles, the Torino forward, Walter Schachner, the midfield player, Felix Gasselich of Ajax Amsterdam and two defenders with West German clubs, Bruno Pezzy and Bernd Krauss. Krauss, born in West Germany, may have some difficulty knowing which side he is on. He started with the Bundesliga club, Borussia Dortmund before moving to Vienna six years ago, and later taking out Austrian nationality. This season he is back in West Germany with Borussia Mönchengladbach and is constantly being reminded that his only international goal to date was an own goal – for West Germany.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher, Dremmler, Augenthaler, K-H Förster, Briegel, Strack, Rolff, Schuster, Meier, Rummenigge, Völler.

AUSTRIA (probable): Koncilia, Krauss, Weber, Pezzey, Degeorgi, Kainer, Phohaska, Gasselich, Baumeister, Schachner, Krankl.

Schuster – midfield leader

Group Six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	6	4	1	1	14	4	9
N Ireland	6	4	1	1	7	4	9
W Germany	4	2	1	1	5	2	5
Turkey	5	1	1	3	3	10	3
Albania	7	0	2	5	3	12	2

Monday's results

MILK CUP: Second round, first leg: Port Vale 0, Manchester United 1; Stockport County 0, Oldham Athletic 2. FA CUP: Second qualifying round, replays: Bognor Regis Town 2, Hertford Town 0; Gateshead 1, Accrington Stanley 2; Waterlooville 3, Hungerford Town 0.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: (at Aldershot): Army 7, Maidenhead United 7.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Horwich RMT 2, Gainsborough 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Luton 1, Charlton 1.

Not quite like the old days

By Peter Ball

Not since the heavy metal group, Motorhead, attracted 25,000 people to Vale Park two years ago has the ground been so heavily populated as it was on Monday night for the 1-0 defeat against Manchester United. The Milk Cup second round first leg tie attracted 19,855 supporters who might have expected a heavy defeat for the third division club once Frank Stapleton had scored in the sixth minute.

Heavy metal offered a good metaphor for the evening, with plenty of percussion evident throughout. But, although it was all hectic stuff, much enjoyed by the crowd, the days when Port Vale were synonymous with over physical football are gone.

Although Sproson, a name from Vale's past, and Newton were booked for clumsy tackles, the team tried to intersperse their assaults with more subtle rhythms. Not surprisingly, however, most of the subtlety came from United whose early goal pointed up the gap between the teams. Graham raced through the middle and slipped the ball to Stapleton who clipped it past the onrushing Siddall.

For the next ten minutes United put together some moves of superb quality, Stapleton, Wilkins, Graham and Robson interpassing with killing speed and perception.

Bromage however, made important saving tackles on Stapleton then Robson, and Robson had a "goal" disallowed for offside. By the time Duxbury limped off in the twenty-third minute with a groin strain Vale's spirits had revived.

The left wing trio of Bromage, O'Keefe and Fox had already shown their ability to make progress and Newton, a centre forward of little refinement, foraged remorselessly.

Wholeheartedly though they tried, the direct threats on Bailey's goal were few. Shots from Fox and Ridley sailed over, and the United goalkeeper was once forced to handle outside his penalty area.

The free kick came to nothing and United's counter thrust remained the sharper. Only the referee's whistle, pulling the game back through United's free kick, prevented Graham's shot giving the score a more representative look. But that would have done nothing for the prospect of any sort of gate in the second leg.

PORT VALE: B Siddall, C Tartt, R Bromage, G Hunter, P Sproson, W Cegielski, J Ridley, T Gore, R Newton, E O'Keefe, (sub M Bright), S Fox.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey, M Duxbury (sub R Moses), A Albiston, R Wilkins, K Moran, P McGrath, B Robson, A Muhren, F Stapleton, N Whiteside, A Graham.

Referee: V G Callow (Solihull).

● Duxbury's injury makes him extremely doubtful for England's European championship match in Hungary next week. Duxbury, the only specialist right back in the party, was expected to gain his first full cap in place of the injured Phil Neal. The United manager, Ron Atkinson, said: "I have been in touch with Bobby Robson to let him know the position, but at this stage it looks as if Mike must be very doubtful."

Hand may keep to same team

The Everton midfield player Kevin Sheedy and Keiran O'Reagan, the young Brighton full back, are the only uncapped players in the Republic of Ireland squad for the European Championship group seven qualifying match with Holland in Dublin in next Wednesday's.

Eoin Hand, the manager has a selection problem because the team played well when winning in Iceland last month and he must decide whether to recall the Arsenal centre half, O'Leary, who was left out of the match, also back in contention is Galvin of Tottenham Hotspur.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: J McDonagh (Notts County), P Bonner (Celtic) J Devine (Norwich), K Moran (Manchester United), K O'Reagan (Brighton), D O'Leary (Arsenal), M Lawrenson (Liverpool), L Hughton (Tottenham), G Daly (Coventry), A Grealish (Brighton), G Waddock (QPR), L Brady (Sampdoria), K Sheedy (Everton), M Robinson (Liverpool), F Stapleton (Manchester United,) M Walsh (Porto), K O'Callaghan (Ipswich), A Galvin (Tottenham).

● Tottenham Hotspur have now accepted that they will have to play the first leg of their UEFA Cup second round tie against Reyenoord of Rotterdam at home on October 19. They were originally drawn away but UEFA ordered the switch because the match would have clashed with another UEFA Cup game involving Sparta Rotterdam.

UEFA rules say that two matches cannot take place in the same city at the same time and Sparta were given preference because they were drawn first. Tottenham wanted to change the date rather than the venue, but Feyenoord would not co-operate.

"Rules are rules and it is in Feyenoord's interest to play the first leg away," Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham assistant manager, said.

The ruling also affected Watford, who were drawn away first but will not be at home in the first leg of their UEFA Cup tie against Levski Spartak, of Bulgaria, to avoid a clash with another match in Sofia.

Last night's results

MILK CUP
Second round, first leg
Aldershot 2 Notts County 4, Brighton 4 Bristol Rovers 2, Bury 1 West Ham 2, Cambridge 2 Sunderland 3, Cardiff 0 Norwich 0, Carlisle 2 Southampton 0, Chesterfield 0 Everton 1, Grimsby 0 Coventry 0, Huddersfield 2 Watford 1, Millwall 3 West Brom 0, Plymouth 1 Arsenal 1, Portsmouth 2 Aston Villa 2, Q. P. Rangers 8 Crewe 1, Rotherham 2 Luton 3, Sheffield Wednesday 3 Darlington 0, Shrewsbury 2 Sheffield United 1, Swansea 1 Colchester 1, Walsall 1 Barnsley 0, Wimbledon 2 Nottingham Forest 0, Wolverhampton W. 2 Preston N E 3.
Scottish League Cup
Section three
St Johnstone 1 Meadowbank 2.

Bearzot starts to rebuild for World Cup defence

Bari, Italy (Reuter) – The Italian manager Enzo Bearzot, needing to rebuild the team who have failed miserably since winning the World Cup last year, will field an almost entirely new side in a friendly against Greece today.

Only three players from the 1982 World Cup team – Paolo Rossi, Bruno Conti and Antonio Cabrini – survive in the probable line-up, Italian newspapers reported.

Bearzot said: "I have to change seven or eight players. I have been looking at birth certificates and for the moment I am excluding anybody who would be more than 30 in 1986. It is my duty to think of the World Cup in Mexico."

But the manager insisted the veterans of Spain would all play an active part in shaping the side for 1986, when the next World Cup finals are held, and he was not ruling anybody out.

Italy play Sweden in Naples on October 15 with practically no chance of qualifying for the European Championship Finals, after a series of poor results since the World Cup Final.

Ivano Bordon, of Inter Milan, 32, is the heir apparent of Dino Zoff, the goalkeeper-captain who retired last season at the age of 41.

Cabrini, 26, is the only World Cup defender to be retained but among the replacements, Pietro Vierchowod, Franchino Baresi and Giuseppe Bergomi were all in the 22-member squad that went to Spain. Salvatore Bagni, of Inter, completes the defence.

In attack, Bearzot is expected to field Carlo Ancelotti, or Roma, alongside team-mate Conti, introducing Bruno Giordano, of Lazio, and Torino's Giuseppe Dossena to work with Paolo Rossi.

Probable teams:

ITALY: Bordon; Bergomi, Bagni, Cabrini, Vierchowod, Baresi, Conti, Ancelotti, Rossi, Dossena, Giordano. Substitute: Galli.

GREECE (from): Sarganis; Gounaris, Vamvakoulas, Michas, Lemonis, Koussoulakis, Anastopoulos, Pittas, Galitsios, Ardizoglou, Kostikos, Alavantas, Semertzidis, Papaioannou; Xanthopoulos, Karoulias, Saravakos.

● COPENHAGEN: Denmark have made two changes to their squad for the European Championship match against Luxembourg here on October 12. (AP reports). Ole Rasmussen, the full back who plays for Hertha Berlin, is out because of an injury, and the reserve goalkeeper, Troels Rasmussen, has withdrawn for personal reasons.

Swiss again weakened

Zurich (Reuter) – The Swiss coach, Paul Woldisberg, was again deprived of key players for the European Championship group one match against East Germany in Est Berlin on October 12 when he named his 17-man squad on Monday.

The regular goalkeeper, Erich Burgener, a defender Zappa, and Decastel from midfield ae unavailable because of injury and Zurich grasshopper's *In-Albon* is suspended for one match.

Barberis, who has 43 caps and returned this season to Servette from the French club Monaco, is recalled after an 11-month break and is expected to full the gap created by Decastel's absence.

Switzerland, whose European campaign has been undermined by injuries, have only the slenderest of chances of beating Belgium to the one qualifying place from group one to next year's finals in France, East Germany and Scotland, the other two teams in the section, are out of the running.

SQUAD: R Berbig, K Engel, K Grob, A Egli, R Wehrli, H Hermann, M Koller, U Barberis, A Geiger, B Rietmann, H Luedi, L Favre, C Sulser, R Ponte, J-P Brigger, R Elsener, M Braschler.

Boycott: Scapegoat and agent of destruction

Pitiful treatment for the enigma of Yorkshire

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

So Yorkshire have made Geoffrey Boycott the scapegoat! That, to my mind, is at least as much an indictment of those who run the Yorkshire club, many estimable people among them, as the enigma himself. To me it is pitiful, no less, the way Yorkshire fall out with their most distinguished, often their most dedicated, players.

The fault, clearly, is not all on one side. Yorkshire have a genius for running each other down, much to England's cost. At the same time, properly handled they pull together with a passion which overcomes the deepest of personal divisions.

In recent years, Illingworth, Old and Close have all been sacked when they still had much to offer Yorkshire cricket. In 1958 Johnny Wardle had such a row with Yorkshire that he was withdrawn from the MCC side to go to Australia the following winter. At the time, he was one of the world's great cricketers.

As sure as can be, David Bairstow's reign as Yorkshire's new captain will be in jeopardy in a year or two's time. Enthusiast that he is, Bairstow would be hard put to it keep the peace on some Elysian Field, let alone among the internecine tensions of Yorkshire cricket.

I happen to have a soft spot for Boycott, though it might surprise him to know it. Talk of his selfishness is valid. Yet batting is a selfish business. I have watched, written about, and known all the great batsmen of the past 40 years, and very few of them have taken guard with only the interests of their side in mind. In choosing the moments when he has preferred not to bowl, Ray Illingworth, for example, has been every bit as self-interested as Boycott when deciding whether or not to attack the bowling.

However, that is not the point. What is lamentable beyond words is that Yorkshire have not knocked together, until they saw sense, the heads of two devoted Yorkshiremen and quite outstanding cricketers. They have now dismissed Boycott, whose boots, in terms of dedication, most of the rest of the Yorkshire side are not fit to lace.

I wrote recently that in the old days Edmonds would be going on England's winter tour because there would have been an amateur captain capable of handling him. What Boycott has needed is a Lord Hawke or a Brian Sellers to respect. When, in Australia in 1970-71, Boycott played under Illingworth, he was allowed to get away with batting as self-indulgently as he wished, because England were winning and it suited the captain. Some of the greatest of all cricketers have been difficult men. S F Barnes, perhaps the finest of all bowlers, was obviously one of them. And how easy was Frank Woolley? Or George Headley? Yet who would have sacked them?

If arrogant he is also prolific. If he thinks too preoccupationally of success, others, perhaps, should think more of it. In Boycott's last five years as their captain, Yorkshire finished 11th, second, eighth, 12th and fourth in the championship; in Illingworth's five, they have finished seventh, sixth, 10th, and 17th. Boycott's testimonial with Yorkshire next year will go ahead. Whether or not he is still with them he will receive a martyr's ransom. If he puts himself on the market, whoever signs him will be getting not a Georgie Best, but a Brian Clough. In Yorkshire, meanwhile, a civil war is brewing.

Yawning gap: Illingworth and Boycott even further apart now.

Milestones on a tortuous road

Jul 1959	Yorkshire second XI debut
Jun 1962	First XI debut
Oct 1963	Awarded Yorkshire cap
Jun 1964	England debut
Jun 1967	Dropped by England for slow scoring
Nov 1970	Appointed Yorkshire captain
Sep 1971	First Englishman to average more than 100 in a season
Sep 1974	Withdrew from MCC tour of Australia
Jul 1977	Recalled by England
Aug 1977	Scored his 100th first-class century
Jan 1978	Assumed England captaincy (for 4 matches) after injury to Mike Brearley
Sep 1978	Relieved of Yorkshire captaincy
Jun 1980	Appointed OBE
Jul 1981	Played his 100th Test match
Aug 1981	Became highest runmaker for England
Sep 1981	Suspended by Yorkshire until end of season for unauthorized remarks to the media
Dec 1981	*Became highest runmaker in all Test cricket*
Jan 1982	Returned home early from England tour of India
Mar 1982	Toured South Africa with English team and suspended from Test cricket for three years
Aug 1983	*Reprimanded by Yorkshire for slow scoring*
Oct 1983	Dismissed by Yorkshire
1984	Yorkshire testimonial

Career record: *Test cricket*: 108 matches, 8,114 runs (average 47.72), 22 centuries, 7 wickets (54.57). All first-class cricket: 555 matches, 44,210 runs (56.24), 139 centuries, 45 wickets (31.22).

Reprimand for Imran Khan

Imran Khan, the Sussex and Pakistan all-rounder, has been severely warned by the Test and County Cricket Board after an outburst in the Schweppes Championship game between Warwickshire and Sussex in August.

The ICCB said: "Imran as been reprimanded for continuing verbal abuse at the opposition after he had been hit on the chest by a short-pitched ball. He was warned as to his future conduct."

Imran apologised to the committee for his lack of self-control and gave an assurance that there would be no repetition in the future.

A man rated next to godliness

By Simon Barnes

The conclave was in session and the faithful were gathered in the square: would there be white smoke billowing across that sacred tract of land? Or black? Or would the holy enmities continue beneath the single sacred banner?

At Headingley, the Basilica of Yorkshire cricket, Yorkshire County Cricket Club's college of cardinals, the general committee, were sitting.

Geoff Boycott, self-cast as both prince and victim, is for many Yorkshiremen just like cleanliness. "I'd never sack Boycott, I'd sack the committee. There are people in that committee out to get him," declared a Yorkshire member, sitting waiting for news on the benches at Headingley, where on sunnier days he had sipped pints and revelled in Yorkshire's inevitable successes.

"They'll not sack him, he's the only one of them that can score runs," said a gentleman in the Original Oak pub nearby. Boycott is ninth in the list of all-time run-scorers in first-class cricket and there is only one man still alive who has scored more. Will anyone give Boycott the chance to try to overhaul Tom Graveney?

Back at Headingley, another gentleman said: "It's better coming bottom in the county championship than playing all these foreigners like the others." "It's that Trueman I can't stand," said another. "He was rebel enough when he was a player. Now he's retired, he's changed sides."

Meanwhile, inside the buildings at Headingley, as we hacks, like *Lappet-faced Vultures*, gathered, the whisper came from the coffee lady that we must wait on. The men of Yorkshire County Cricket Club general committee were arguing. Hold the front page.

Boycott stands accused of countless crimes this season: slow scoring, bad language, lack of team spirit and even of removing meat from sandwiches at Edgbaston and not eating the bread. I shouldn't wonder if he didn't flick his jelly at the ceiling with his spoon as well. The list of Boycott's alleged crimes is as long as the list of his alleged virtues.

It is quite extraordinary how Boycott arouses so much passion and how much ruin and destruction occurs all around him as he strolls like Buster Keaton, his face as mild as rice pudding, through a world in which buildings collapse all around him while he miraculously remains unscathed and, indeed, unaware of the collapse of all around him. Yorkshire cricket is in ruins: English cricket has been poisoned by money from the South African Breweries Company.

Boycott, the ultimate Yorkshireman, a totem figure embodying all the Yorkshire virtues, including the deeply held belief that life is unfair to Yorkshireman, has managed to divide his county. The injuries will not heal with surgery.

The saddest thing of all has happened to Yorkshire cricket. At one time southerners hated them for winning things. It all started going wrong and the southerners at first said tee-hee. But now that Yorkshire have reached rock bottom, southerners have started to feel sorry for them.

"So David Bairstow's the new captain, eh?" mused a taxi driver. "I hope he can afford to buy himself a steel collar. Because he'll be the next one to get it in the neck."

HORSE SHOW

Hadley bounces off the mark

By Jenny MacArthur

Steven Hadley gained his first international win on Team Trimoco's Rubber Ball, the horse formerly ridden by the late Caroline Bradley, in yesterday's opening speed class, the Harris Carpets Stakes at the Horse of the Year Show. A deceptively fast clear round in 39.69 seconds by Hadley put him into the lead, and although the Belgian rider, Eric Wauters put up a fine challenge on Carlsberg, he could only finish in 40.25 seconds, putting him into second place.

Hadley's skilful riding on a horse he has partnered for only three months was the high point of what was a disappointing opening class, in which such normally reliable speed combinations such as Nick Skelton with St James and Harvey Smith with Sanyo Galaxy failed to feature in the leading 10.

Iain Morgan from Lanarkshire, aged 18, put his elders in their place with a fine round on *Dun Topper*, the horse on which he became the junior European Gold medal winner in August. Their time of 40.41 seconds put them into third place.

Hadley, who combines riding with BBC television commentary, now rides five of Miss Bradley's horses, including her very good six-year-old Milton. Of Rubber Ball, Hadley said: "He's not basically a speed horse but he'll hold his own in any type of class".

John Whitaker had a decisive win in Monday night's Canon Camera Stakes, riding the 15-year-old Ryan's Son, who Whitaker said afterwards is going "better than ever". This latest win, £2,000, brings the pair's winnings this year to more than £38,000.

Lesley McNaught was second on Barbarella, owned by Skim Milk Supplies. In the 12 horse jump-off, Miss McNaught, who is riding more determinedly than ever, was the first to go clear and her time of 32.25 seconds was not beaten until Whitaker and Ryan's Son knocked nearly three seconds off it. Michael Ruping, West Germany's only representative at the show – Paul Schockemöhle declined the invitation – finished third on Silbersee.

RESULTS (GB unless stated): The Harris Carpets Stakes: 1, Rubber Ball (S Hadley) 0 in 39.69; 2, Carlsberg (E Wauters, Bel) 0 in 40.25; 3, Dun Topper (I Morgan) 0 in 40.41. The Canon Camera Stakes: 1, Ryan's Son (J Whitaker) 0 in 34.54; 2, Barbarella (L McNaught) 0 in 37.25; 3, Silbersee (M Ruping, WG) 0 in 40.29. Spillers Novice Dressage with Jumping: 1, Jacquelis (J Bradwell) 138.33 pts; 2, Chance (C Rowcliffe) 127.98; 3, Lulin V (R Walker) 126.0. Spillers Open Dressage with Jumping: 1, Mystic Minstrel (R Bayliss) 139.00 pts; 2, Nadon (C Morrison) 128.33; 3, Walsracot (E de Haan) 125.33.

Mary Gordon-Watson was taken to hospital after an accident in which Cornishman, the horse on which she won the three-day event team gold medal at Munich in 1972, came over backwards and landed on her during yesterday afternoon's parade of personalities. The horse was upset by the noise from a video recording showing a victory by Sea Pigeon, the dual champion hurdle winner, who was another horse in the parade of personalities. Miss Gordon-Watson was kept in hospital overnight, but fears that she had a fractured pelvis were ended when it was announced that she was suffering only from severe bruising.

● The Dick Hern trained Band will be sent over to The Curragh for the Irish St Leger on Saturday week October 8. Willie Carson rides. Trainer and jockey successful in this classic in 1979 with Niniski.

● The Irish racehorse trainers association will sponsor a £6,000 weight-for-age hurdle race over two miles at Naas on December 7.

● Ray Daniel has rejoined Luton Town after a month's loan with Gillingham.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Team of the decade

By Keith Macklin

Statistics are now available to prove that Widnes have been the outstanding team of the past decade. At the launching yesterday of the *Rothmans Rugby League Yearbook* for 1983-84 it was revealed that Widnes have a 75 per cent success rate in matches played in the past 10 years.

In league games alone they have garnered 399 points from 300 games, winning 193 and drawing 13. This does not take into account the fact that Widnes have averaged a trophy a season in all competitions throughout the decade.

Closely behind are St Helens, with 393 points, Leeds (361), Warrington (339), Hull Kingston Rovers (331) and Bradford Northern (326).

A feature of the book is analysis of the two division structure since its reintroduction. This shows that despite frequent criticisms of an up and down yo-yo tendancy among some clubs, only five teams have survived in the first division for the full decade: they are Castleford, Leeds, St Helens, Warrington and Widnes.

Only three clubs have spent the entire 10 years in the second division: they are Batley, Doncaster and Huyton. Wigan, with 61 internationals, stand out in the compilation of a club by club register of Great Britain internationals.

The "Team of the Year" is to receive a prize of £1,000 from Lada Cars, it was announced yesterday. The public relations officer for the league, David Howes, said: "The title of 'Team of the Year' is the ultimate accolade for a club after a nine months season of demanding football."

The all-time individual points scoring record in the first division was set up on Sunday by Robert Beardmore, the Castleford halfback, with 34 (three tries and 11 goals) against Leeds. Even if a try had still been worth three points Beardmore's feat would have beaten the 29 points set up by John Woods of Leigh against York.

IN BRIEF

A place in the sun

Johannesburg (AP) – Ray Floyd, last year's winner, will play again in the Million Dollar Golf Challenge in Sun City, which starts on December 4. Other contestants already confirmed are Johnny Miller, Severiano Ballesteros, Fuzzy Zoellar and Nicky Price.

SKIING: Three World Cup meetings due to be held in France this winter may be transferred out of the country because of a doubt over television coverage.

BASKETBALL: Jose Biriukov has become the first Soviet sportsman to be given official permission to settle in the West. He has signed a contract to play for the leading Spanish side, Real Madrid. Biriukov, aged 20, has duel Soviet-Spanish nationality, as he was born in the Soviet Union of a Soviet father and a Spanish mother.

FISHING

Report favours anglers

By Conrad Voss Bark

An official recommendation has been made to the Secretary of State for Wales that salmon and sea trout fisheries should be managed primarily for the benefit of licensed rod and line anglers. The age-old interests of commercial netsmen should, in effect, take second place because of the growth of angling and its value to Wales as a tourist attraction.

Made in the inspector's report as the result of a public enquiry in Wales last year, the recommendation was described by the Director of the Salmon and Trout Association in London, Mr T D Thompson, as the most significant yet in the struggle for a national salmon conservation policy.

It cost the Welsh Salmon and Trout Angling Association some £18,000 to fight the netsmen in an attempt to get commercial netting reduced by about 50 per cent. They failed on legal grounds yet won a victory, for the report came down strongly in favour of the anglers and for a revision of the present out-of-date fishery laws.

The report, which can be obtained from the Welsh Office, Cathays Park, Cardiff, is likely to have wide repercussions, especially for Scotland, where a similar battle between anglers and netsmen took place recently at an enquiry about netting on the Deveron.

The Welsh enquiry also recommended that urgent consideration should be given for new laws against poaching. This links up with the growing pressure from angling organizations on the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries over the past three years for control of sales of salmon, either by tagging or a system of licensed dealers.

ICE HOCKEY: The Soviet Union and Canada will be two of the teams to compete in an international tournament in Paris immediately after the winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo in February. The tournament will also include a Czechoslovakian selection.

RUGBY UNION

Bond unhappy at being ignored by Lancashire

The England centre Tony Bond, a Lancashire regular for nine years, has been left out of the side for the game against Somerset at Bath on Saturday. Bond, who has been in two championship-winning teams for Lancashire, was not too happy about the manner of his omission.

He said: "I am disappointed because no Lancashire committee man phoned me to tell me I was out".

Fran Clough, the Orrell centre, replaces him.

LANCASHIRE: S Lowdon (Sale); J Carleton (Orrell), B White (Lyons), F Clough (Orrell), M Slemen (Liverpool); P Williams (Fleetwood), S Smith (Sale) (capt); K Fletcher (Orrell), M Dixon (Fylde), D Southern (Orrell), M Webster (Orrell), M Leech (Waterloo), K Moss (Liverpool).

Five new North Midlands caps will face Warwickshire in the championship at Rugby on Saturday – and there may well be two more. Mike Wilkinson broke his nose when making his debut at full back for Gloucester last Saturday, while the Evesham lock Bob Bailey is under suspension after being sent off, and although in the selected side will be unable to play.

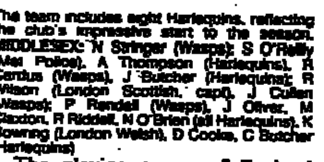
Of the nine Moseley first team players who promised support to the county, all but two – skipper Derek Nutt and Calodon Richardson – have now opted to put club first.

NORTH MIDLANDS: A N Other; P Stevens (Richmond), D Reed (Birmingham), A Watson-Jones (Newport, Salop), E Saunders (Coventry), M Smith (Birmingham), S Morley (Stourbridge); J Shaw (Stourbridge), G Marshall (Coventry), S Acerley (Dudley Kingswinford), A N Other, P Dodge (Stourbridge), C Richardson (Moseley), J Hunt (Bromsgrove), D Nutt (Moseley, capt). Replacements: G Vesey (Evesham), I Fletcher (Birmingham).

Middlesex, beaten at the semi-final stage in last year's championship, make seven changes from the team which lost to Yorkshire at Sudbury for their opening match in this season's competition, against Devon at Torquay.



Bond: nine-year stint



The team includes eight Harlequins, reflecting the club's impressive start to the season. MIDDLESEX: N Stringer (Wasps); B Crabtree (Met Police), A Thompson (Harlequins), R Cardus (Wasps), J Butcher (Harlequins); R Wilson (London Scottish, capt), J Clarke (Wasps); P Rendall (Wasps), J Olver, M Claxton, P Riddell, N O'Brien (all Harlequins), K Bowring (London Welsh), D Cooke, C Butcher (Harlequins).

The playing career of England physiotherapist Don Gatherer may be over. Gatherer, who last season captained Buckinghamshire to promotion in the championship, has a neck injury and has decided not to risk playing again this season.

His place at hooker in the Bucks team to entertain Cumbria at Aylesbury is taken by Simon Cook of High Wycombe, while the captaincy passes to the Leighton Buzzard No 8 Chris Scott.

M Fearn (Coventry); C Morrish (Richmond), D Handley (Sutton and Epsom), K Coles (Loughborough University), K Bennett (High Wycombe), K Matthews (High Wycombe), I Whitlock (High Wycombe), P Dulleu (Ruislip), S Cook (High Wycombe), S Lucby (High Wycombe), M Rose (Wasps), J Barnes (High Wycombe), G Charles (Aylesbury), R Stone (Aylesbury), C Scott (Leighton Buzzard, capt).

Scottish international Bill Cuthbertson is a busy player. Yesterday the 33-year-old lock forward played for the Barbarians at Newport and this evening he captains Harlequins against Loughborough Students at Stoop Memorial Ground (5.15).

Club Captain David Cooke and 12 other first team regulars miss the match because of County Championship commitments on Saturday, but Cuthbertson has been overlooked.

Only six members of the team which beat Swansea 15-6 last Saturday are available to face the students. Tight-head prop Tommy Borthwick makes his first team debut, while full back Stuart Thresher starts a senior game for the first time.

Cambridge University give a debut to the New Zealand Universities hooker Peter Lawson for their game against St Mary's Hospital at Grange Road today.

The University, who beat Cambridge 48-0 in their opening game of the season last Saturday, have only four Blues in residence and will use the early games to try out several freshmen.

One newcomer who will be missing is the Aberavon full back Andy Martin because of a hamstring injury.

Oxfordshire are without two of their most experienced players for their opening match against Sussex in division three at Worthing. A Edney (Oxford OBs); R Challis (Henley), E Sheen (Oxford OBs), R Alison (RAF Brize Norton), G Halsey (Henley); C Champion (Oxford OBs), W Goodey (Oxford OBs); C Stephenson (RAF Brize Norton), C Hooker (Henley, capt), G Warrington (Oxford), E Rigby (Banbury), M Jennings (Henley), W Dulleu (Ruislip).

Greenwood's 'fair to middling' start

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Although several members of the England squad are suffering from minor ailments, only Barley the Wakefield centre, is definitely out of contention for a place in the England XV to play Canada on October 15. Barley has a hairline fracture of the jaw but joined the squad for training at Stourbridge on Monday evening.

Of the 34-strong squad, all except Smart, the Newport prop, were present at Stourbridge but Slemen, Smith, Woodward and Scott all have various aches and pains. Harding, the Bristol scrum half, joined the squad and played a useful part in an evening that Richard Greenwood, the England coach, described as "fair to middling". It was Greenwood's first time with the squad – perhaps one should put that the other way round – and the players received an intimation of the framework within which their coach wishes to work. The two-hour session included intensive scrummaging and lineout work with Greenwood pointing out the many variables which may arise from given situations. One of his catchphrases is "run-think-do", an endeavour to stimulate players into a properly chosen course of action.

Greenwood will have his first view of the Canadians at their game against Headingley this evening. The touring side have made nine changes to the team which beat Combined Services by three points on Saturday, but they have retained three forwards who distinguished themselves at Portsmouth, Murphy, in the front row, Jennings, the lock, and Russell, on the flank.

Headingley were promoted to the northern merit table after coming second in last season's qualifying table. They drew their first merit table match last Saturday, 6-6 against Sheffield, but have done somewhat better at home where they have beaten Halifax, Hawick and London Scottish. On two visits to London they have lost, to Saracens and Wasps.

Three of their players turned out for Yorkshire in their County Championship warm-up match against Ulster last weekend, Norton the full back and props Huntsman and Machell. Winterbottom, the England flanker, played against Sheffield, trained with England on Monday and is in action again tonight, before completing a hectic eight days by representing Yorkshire against Northumberland on Saturday.

SNOOKER

Francisco pulls no punches

By Sidney Friskin

Silvano Francisco, aged 37, from Cape Town, looks like a professional boxer. Plenty of ringside seats were taken at the Eldon Recreation Centre, Newcastle yesterday when he knocked out Jim Donnelly of Glasgow and qualified for the quarter-final round of the tournament, sponsored by Jameson Whiskey, winning 5-1, in two hours and twenty minutes playing time.

Francisco had put in a lot of practice for this match and he needed it. He had survived the first round without striking a ball, for his opponent, Kirk Stevens of Canada, failed to appear. The South African raced to a 2-0 lead yesterday which was reduced after a spirited effort by Donnelly, whose break of 37 gave him an unassailable lead in the third frame.

Francisco's early break of 56 in the fourth was answered immediately by Donnelly who accumulated 33 points before a foul shot on the yellow – he lost the cue ball – put the initiative back into Francisco's hands. The best frame was the fifth, in which Donelly, compiling a break of 38, established a commanding lead of 67-8. But Francisco obtained a snooker, cut the lead and went on to clear the table with a break of 42, and so won the frame by one point. A break of 71 by Francisco sealed the sixth frame, and the match.

Opportunity knocks for the unseeded Willie Thorne of Leicestershire, who despite making more maximum 147 breaks than any other professional, has never won a big title. His entry into the quarter-final round on Monday night, when he defeated Ray Reardon, the world's number two, caused quite a stir. He now meets Eddie Charlton of Australia.

In an hour and 20 minutes, while Reardon was feeling his way about, Thorne swept into a 4-0 lead. Reardon had found his touch in the fourth frame, and made a break of 44, but was completely frusrated by Thorn, who cleared the table with a superb break of 95, the highest so far in the tournament. The end was then in sight, and Thorn won the fifth frame easily.

RESULTS: Second round: (GB unless stated) S Francisco (SA) bt J Donnelly 5-1 Frame scores (Francisco first): 95-28; 77-22; 2-82; 71-43; 68-67; 75-18. W Thorne bt R Reardon 5-0. Frame scores: 70-18; 98-24; 72-20; 95-44; 95-26.

TENNIS

Dowdeswell content to suffer a surprise defeat

By Lewine Mair

In the aftermath of his 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 defeat by Phil Siviter in the Refuge Assurance national championship tournament at the new Telford centre yesterday, the second seed Colin Dowdeswell, confessed that he had not prepared well, Lewine Mair writes. "And the reason I did not prepare well," he wxplained, "was that I did not want to do well".

Dowdeswell, who formally played for Rhodesia in the Davis Cup but has been given permission to represent Britain, said the tournament committee were unhappy aboout him competing in the tournament in the same year as he had pinned down the Swiss indoor title.

Rober Cushing of the tournament's management committee, agreed that he had asked Dowdeswell if, in view of the circumstances, he would reconsider his entry. At the same time, however, the committee had added that everything would be acceptable if Dowdeswell was preared to assure them that he would henceforth be entering only British closed events.

Dowdeswell was prepared to give the committee the reassurance tlhey wanted on this score but was clearly in two minds when he took the court against Siviter, aged 30. Siveter has been out of full-time tennis 10 years and on his own admission, is two stone overweight.

Siveter, who has won the Hereford and Worcestershire championships a record 14 times, served particularly well looked the more at ease on the Telford surface.

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: C Mottram bt M West, 6-0, 6-3, D Shaw bt R Beven, 6-4, 3-6, 9-7, J Bates bt M Robinson, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, R Drysdale bt T Robson, 6-2, 6-3; R Lewis bt S Ickringill, 6-2, 7-6, J Feaver bt I. Alfred, 6-3, 6-3, J Smith bt K Reynolds, 6-1, 6-0; R Scott w.o. J Lloyd, scr. A Jarrett bt M Appleton, 6-4, 6-4. WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: J Durie bt J Wilson, 6-2, 6-0; S Mair bt S Reeves, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, L Gracie bt R Elny, 7-5, 0-1 rtd; S Barker bt A Grant, 6-2, 6-0; A Brown bt S Sullivan, 6-3, 6-2; S Walpole bt B Borneo, 6-2, 6-4; A Hobbs bt C Molesworth, 6-4, 6-0; K Brasher bt D Parnell, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3

● Middlesex, who beat the champions, Surrey, in the quarter-finals of the men's Inter-Counties hard court championships, will meet Buckinghamshire on October 15-16. The other semi-final is between Essex and Lancashire.

In the women's competition Middlesex, the holders, will meet Lincolnshire, who defeated Yorkshire 6-3. The other match is between Surrey and Sussex. The semi-finals will be played on October 15 and the finals the following day.

GRAND PRIX STANDING: 1, I Lendl (Cz), 2,274 pts (12 tournaments). 2, J Connors (US), 2,060 (12); 3, M Wilander (Swe), 1,976 (15); 4, J McEnroe (US), 1,800 (8); 5, Y Noah (Fr), 1,582 (10); 6, J Arias (US), 1,880 (18); 7, J Higueras (Sp), 1,308 (13); 8, J L Clerc (Arg), 1,125 (12); 9, A Gomez (Ecuador), 988 (15); 10, G Mayer (US), 854 (10)

Gerken to lead US

Barbara Gerken, the recent winner of the United States women's circuit Masters, will lead her country against Britain in next week's Under-21 international at Cambridge for the Maureen Connolly Trophy.

The match, from October 12-14, is virtually regarded as the junior Wightman Cup contest. Britain lost narrowly 6-5 in Dallas last year and their last success was in 1975.

The Americans have picked an All-Californian team, with 19-year-old Miss Gerken, who is currently ranked 122 in the world, the best known. Britain's highest ranked player will be Shelley Walpole, the national junior hard court champion at 139. The other three members of the American side are Cecelia Fernandez, Patty Fendick and Leigh Ann Eldredge.

● BRISBANE, (Reuter) – American graduate Mike Leach took the honours in his Brisbane Grand Prix Classic duel with Australia's John Frawley and set up a repeat Wimbledon clash with another Australian, Mark Edmondson.

Leach, who holds a university degree in communications, beat Wimbledon junior finalist Frawley, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round yesterday and now faces Edmondson, whom he beat at this year's Wimbledon.

FOR THE RECORD

SQUASH RACKETS

SWINDON: British over-35 championship, final: Mohamed Kalifa bt B Patterson, 9-4, 9-6, 9-10, 1-9, 9-2.

EQUESTRIANISM

LISBON: International show-jumping competition 1, Britain (M Mac on Snow King, J Sargeant on Packers Hill, D Bowen on Don Quixote, A Newbery on Maguire Esquire), 8 penalties; 2, Spain, 20.5; 3, Portugal, 33.75; 4, Belgium, 38.5.

GOLF

SAN ANTONIO: Texas open: Leading final score (all US): 261: J Colbert, 68,62,66,67. 265: M Pfeil, 70,63,63,70. 267: A Sills, 67,64,69,67. 268: C Byrum, 71,66,65,66. 270: J Haas, 69,64,67,70; G Koch, 68,68,67,67; B Bryant, 70,66,67,67; G Cadle, 66,64,70,70. 271: L Trevino, 69,68,66,68; L Elder, 67,65,72,67; J Sanders, 67,70,66,68; F Couples, 64,70,70,67. 272: T Kite, 66,73,67,66; M O'Meara, 69,69,66,68; S Simpson, 69,68,66,69.

TENNIS

BRISBANE: First round (Australian unless stated): F Gonzalez (Par) bt B Greenwood, 6-4, 6-4; M Leach (US) bt J Frawley, 6-3, 6-4; P Cash bt C Johnstone, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; B Gilbert (US) bt C Wittus (US), 6-1, 6-2; S Youl bt K Curren (SA), 6-3, 0-6, 6-1; J Fitzgerald bt C Hooper (US), 6-4, 6-3.

DETROIT: Women's tournament, first round (US unless stated): V Ruzici (Rom) bt S Mascarin, 0-6, 6-2, 6-0; B Herr bt P Casale, 4-6, 7-6, 6-1; R Reggi (Italy) bt R Uys (SA), 6-5, 3-6, 6-4; H Ludloff bt A Minter (Aus), 7-6, 6-3; L Thompson bt J Russell, 6-1, 6-0.

BARCELONA: First round: H Solomon (US) bt E Edwards (SA), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; M Jaite (Sp) bt W Caplay (US), 6-4, 6-0; M Tideman (Swe), bt P Arraya (Peru), 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; M Orantes (Sp), bt S Casal, 6-3, 6-1; F Luna (Sp), bt J Navratil (Cz), 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; E Iskersky (US), bt J Bardou (Sp), 6-2, 6-2; J Gurfein (US), bt M Ronnerberg (Nor), 6-4, 6-4; A Tous (Sp), bt S Lipton (US), 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; J Gunnarsson (Swe), bt H Sudström (Swe), 1-6, 6-4, 7-5.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Jets 34, Buffalo Bills 10.

GOLF

TROON: Schools competition, seventh round: 1, Marr College II, 237. 2, Ardrossan Academy, 248; 3, Rothesay Academy (Isle of Bute), 253. Best individual score: A McQueen (Marr College), 73.

ROYAL LYTHAM AND ST ANNES: Club golfers home international: First series: Wales 8, Scotland 4; England 8½, Ulster 3½.

MOTOR RACING

SIENNA: San Remo Rally: Positions after 17th stage: 1, M Alen/I Kivimaki (Fin), Lancia, 2hr 25min 40sec; 2, M Mouton (Fr)/F Pons (Italy), Audi, 2:26:32; 3, H Mikkola/Hertz (Fin), Audi, 2:26:59; 4, H Toivonen (Fin)/F Gallagher (GB), Opel, 2:27:15; 5, A Vudafieri/G Pirollo (Italy), Lancia, 2:27:50.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham City 1, West Ham United 0; Fulham 3, Crystal Palace 0.

RACKETS

ETON: Schools Match: Eton bt Haileybury (Eton scores first): P Bally and Ma Smail bt S Hack and R Bobaileck, 15-3, 15-0, 6-15, 15-4, 15-11; M Smyth-Osborne and C Crichton-Stuart bt J Symonds and G Tenter, 15-7, 16-11, 15-8, 15-7; M Hue Williams and J Howard bt J Hall and A Stahl, 15-2, 15-4, 15-8, 15-0; E Novis and J Sorrell lost to B Hall and R Morgan, 5-15, 6-15, 7-15, 15-10, 14-17.

MOTOR CYCLING

BUILTH WELLS: International six-day trials: Leading placings after first-day: 1, East Germany, 1,229.30 penalty pts; 2, Sweden, 1,316.65; 3, Italy, 2,173.56; 4, France, 2,427.03; 5, Czechoslovakia, 2,942.78; 6, West Germany, 3,077.02; 7, United States, 3,375.58; 8, Britain, 4,745.76; 9, Poland, 5,474.54; 10, Austria, 11,482.39.

Canada running dry

Canada have had to call up yet another replacement to bolster their injury-hit Rugby Union tour party. The tour manager, Alan Rees, had asked John Devlin to fly, but was told the player must stay at his university. Cliff Jones, a utility back, will join the pary instead.

RACING: FIRST DAY OF IRELAND'S BIG YEARLING SALE

Goffs fly high from the start

From Simon O'Loughlin, Kill

A packed sale ring saw the four-day Irish National Yearling Sales get off to a powerful start at Kill, near Dublin, last night when the first two lots offered made 210,000 Irish guineas (171,100 English guineas) apiece.

The first of these was North Ridge Farm's bay Artaius filly out of the Oaks runner-up, Val's Girl. The dam herself was sold for 205,000 guineas at the dispersal of Sir Charles Clore's horses at the 1979 Newmarket December sales and her yearling was bought last night by Sir Charles' son, Alan, bidding on the telephone from Paris through Horse France the agent Paul Nataf.

The yearling is an own-sister to Artiste, who held the Goffs yearling record of 400,000 Irish guineas up until the start of these sales. Artiste has won three times, the most recent of these victories coming in a £1,757 handicap at Nottingham.

The following lot, Broadfield Stud's bay Prince Tenderfoot colt, was bought by Mahmoud Fustok. The colt is an own-brother to Mulvilla, who won the group three Park Stakes. The Lambourn trainer, Paul Cole, went to 200,000 Irish guineas for a Shirley Heights colt out of Baccalaureate. The yearling was submitted from Thomastown Castle Stud.

The Irish National Stud stallion, Royal Match, sire of Happy Bride, Rocamadour and Royal Vulcan, is moving to the Balckdown Stud at Wellington, Somerset.

Eddery back on the rosy path at York

By John Karter

Although is might be considered almost *lèse majeste* to criticize the riding of Pat Eddery, whom many regard as the most accomplished rider in Britain, there were plenty of people prepared to do just that after the Irishman had ridden Salmon Leap into fifth place in Sunday's Arc de Triomphe. Certainly it appeared that the back-seat riders had a point, because Eddery set Vincent O'Brien's colt a task that would have caused problems even for a Mill Reef or a Sea-Bird.

Eddery had Salmon Leap right at the back until turning into the straight and then he began a run which took him flying past most of the field into fifth place, beaten little more than two lengths by the winner, All Along. Robert Sangster, Salmon Leap's owner, said afterwards that in his opinion the colt would have won narrowly had he *been closer to the leaders early on.* Mr Sangster intends to keep Salmon Leap in training next year and it is quite possible that this powerful son of Northern Dancer will dominate the important middle-distance races.

But back to Eddery. Even he must be forgiven the occasional slip of the reins and racegoers at York today should see his singular talent in full flower. Eddery has three booked rides – Ridal's Choice (2.5), Valuable Witness (4.10) and Corinth (4.40) and he could well win on all of them.

Corinth, an impressive son of the Derby winner, Troy, showed immense promise in his only public appearance so far when fourth behind Rainbow Quest at Newbury last month. After finding the business of racing a little strange at first he began to warm to it towards the end of the mile race and finished full of running under five lengths behind the winner, who is regarded by some as one of the best two-year-olds seen so far. The runner-up in the Newbury race, Feasibility Study, broke the course record by over two seconds when winning at Newbury yesterday, so the form looks solid, indeed.

That remark applies equally, if not more so, to Tropare's third place behind Lear Fan and Gold and Ivory at Newmarket in August. The winner is unbeaten and almost certain to head this year's Free Handicap, and Gold and Ivory went on to win the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot. Clearly Tropare, who represents the rampant Barry Hills stable, is a grave threat to Corinth, but it does not always pay to take the form in small fields, such as the one at Newmarket, too literally.

Valuable Witness followed a fourth to Bucklow Hill in a valuable handicap at Doncaster last month with a good second to the Jockey Club Cup runner-up, Another Sam, at Ascot two weeks ago and should have too much class for the improving Fleeting Knight. Eddery's first mount, Ridal's Son, has shown fair form in better company than he meets in the opening selling race.

● Khairour, Mountain Lodge, Band, High Cannon, Neorion and Yawa are the English runners among the 15 declared for Saturday's St Leger at The Curragh.

● The jockey Bryn Crossley will not ride again this week as a result of concussion he received when a clod of earth hit him in the eye when riding Nebiha in the West Midlands *Handicap* at Wolverhampton on Monday.

● The Jockey Club disciplinary committee inquired into a report on the behaviour before the start of the Rowland Clements Memorial novices' chase at Hexham on September 5th of Natalia. Having considered the evidence, including the horses' previous history, the committee decided that no further entries would be accepted for the horse for races run under the rules of racing.

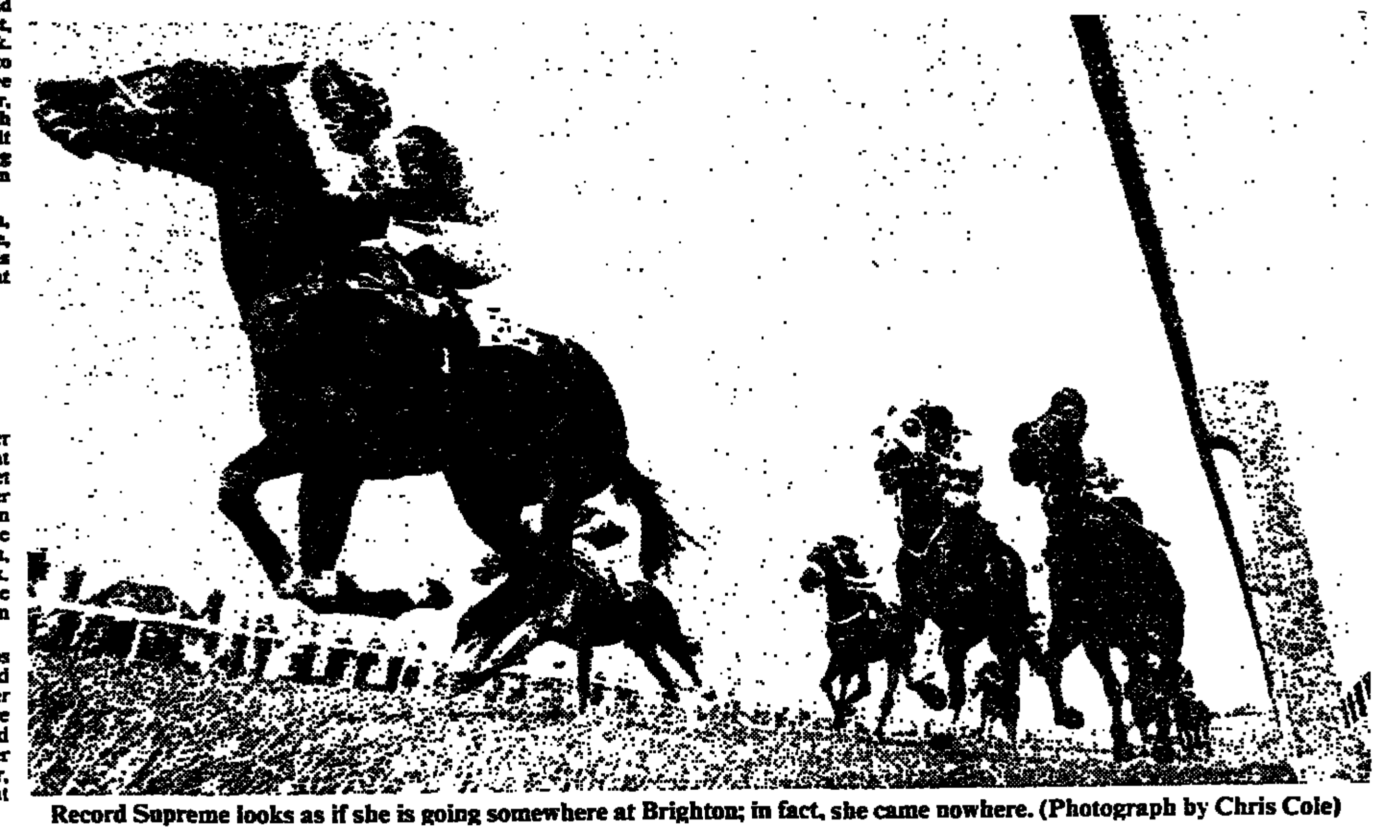
Double Schwartz disappoints

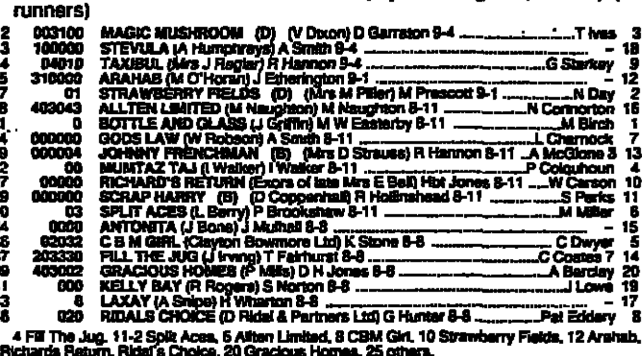
From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

Double Schwartz and Joe Mercer coul finish only ninth in yesterday's group three Prix Eclipse at Saint-Cloud. The pair were always well up in the six and a half furlongs event but their effort petered out in the straight. The eventual winner was the 29-1 chance, Diamada, who beat Reine Caroline by a length with Harifa three lenghts away, third.

George Bridgland had no plans for Diamada who took over the lead inside the final furlong. Reine Caroline looked to have the race sewn up soon after entering the straight, but the filly appears to lack stamina so will probably be raced in sprint events next season.

There is an important French challenger for the Canadian International at Woodbine, Ontario, on October 16. The Arc de Triomphe winner, All Along, has been announced as a runner and she will be accompanied by Escaline, Karkour and Load the Cannons as well as the Irish filly, Stanerra. L'Attrayante, who won both the French and Irish 1,000 guineas will also be at Woodbine for the E. P. Taylor Stakes on October 15.





Record Supreme looks as if she is going somewhere at Brighton; in fact, she came nowhere. (Photograph by Chris Cole)

Miss Kellaway scores 'away'

Gay Kelleway achieved another landmark in her short career at Brighton yesterday. The Newmarket jockey, who rides for her father Paul, had her first success for an outside stable when taking the Brighton "seller" on Close To You, trained by Pat Mitchell in Sussex. Miss Kelleway's previous nine winners as a professional have been trained by her father.

Mitchell said: "I rode ovr jumps with Paul Kelleway for 20 years, and Gay has the same dedication as her father – only she is a lot more stylish. She rids really well, and looks a star for the future. On her only previous ride for me so far, Gay was third on Profit Warrant at Lingfield."

York

Draw: no advantage

Tote: Double 3.10, 4.10. Treble 2.35, 3.40, 4.40

2.5 BBC RADIO CLEVELAND STAKES (2-y-o selling: £3,757: 6f) (20 runners)

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5	310000	ARAHAB (M O'Horan) J Etherington 9-1	–	12
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19	000004	JOHNNY FRENCHMAN (B) (Mrs D Strauss) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone 3	13
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27	00000	RICHARD'S RETURN (Exors of late Mrs E Bell) Hbt Jones 8-11	W Carson	10
29	000000	SCRAP HARRY (B) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	11
30	03	SPLIT ACES (L Berry) P Brookshaw 8-11	M Miller	6
34	0000	ANTONITA (J Bone) J Mulhall 8-8	–	15
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39	403002	GRACIOUS HOMES (P Mills) D H Jones 8-8	A Barclay	20
41	000	KELLY BAY (R Rogers) S Norton 8-8	J Lowe	19
43	8	LAXAY (A Snipe) H Wharton 8-8	–	17
46	020	RIDALS CHOICE (D Ridal & Partners Ltd) G Hunter 8-8	Pat Eddery	8

4 Fill The Jug, 11-2 Split Aces, 5 Allten Limited, 8 CBM Girl, 10 Strawberry Fields, 12 Arahab, 16 Richards Return, Ridal's Choice, 20 Gracious Homes, 25 others.

2.35 BBC RADIO YORK HANDICAP (£3,145: 1m 2f 110yd) (10)

1	124012	COMEDY FAIR (Mrs M Nowell) M H Easterby 3-9-10	–	4
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3	400300	FRENCH GENT (C) (C Webster) S Norton 4-9-3	–	9
6	200130/	PULSE RATE (R Spencer) M H Easterby 7-8-13	M Birch	3
7	301320	ZABEEL (Sheikh Mohammed) R Houghton 3-8-11	J Reid	5
8	1003	CROWN GODIVA (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-11	S Cauthen	1
9	311121	BOCCACCIO (J Greathouse) S Norton 3-8-8	J Lowe	8
11	212420	RIO DEVA (Mrs F Morris) R Hollinshead 5-8-1	W Ryan 5	10
12	00-0020	BARDAN (Mrs R Armstrong) R Armstrong 3-8-1	W Carson	7
14	302420	GILLIE'S PRINCE (P Bottomley) K Stone 4-8-0	A Mackay	6

15-8 Nikiforos, 100-30 Boccaccio, 9-2 Crown Godiva, 6 Comedy Fair, 10 Zabeel, 16 Bardan, 20 others.

3.10 UNITED DOMINIONS TRUST HANDICAP (£4,783: 5f) (14)

1	002420	BOLD BOB (D) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 3-9-10	G Starkey	10
2	000000	TOP O'THE NORTH (P Cameron) M W Easterby 3-9-6	M Birch	11
3	431030	RAMBLING RIVER (DB) (Miss G Richardson) W A Stephenson 6-9-7	J Lowe	1
5	126200	SAINT CRESPIN BAY (D) (P Davies) R Hannon 4-8-11	B Raymond	2
6	000032	CREE BAY (D) (D Spencer) J Spearing 4-8-9	P Robinson	14
8	0-32011	CAPTIVATE (D) (T Warner) A Hide 3-8-7 (7 ex)	K Williams 7	5
9	4120-00	SEVEN CLUBS (D) (Mrs G Lawrence) M Tompkins 3-8-4	J Reid	7
10	034200	SCHULA (D) (J Greaves) H O'Neill 3-8-2	M Hills 3	9
11	100400	EXPRESSLY YOURS (C) (P Asquith) P Asquith 4-8-0	W Carson	12
12	020000	DURANDAL (R Harris) D Wilson 6-8-0	W Ryan 5	6
13	043340	FAIRGREEN (D) (D Chapman) D Chapman 5-7-7	–	13
14	00312	RELATIVELY SHARP (D) (Mrs D Jones) P Calver 3-7-7	A Mackay	3
15	000003	LUCKY DUTCH (D) (C Buckton) M W Easterby 4-7-7	N Carlisle 3	8
16	00-0000	CALEDONIAN (DB) (Superior Systems) R Stubbs 7-7-7	–	4

3 Cree Bay, 9-2 Relatively Sharp, 6 Captivate, 8 Saint Crespin Bay, 10 Bold Bob, 12 Rambling River, 16 Durandal, Fairgreen, 20 others.

3.40 BBC RADIO LEEDS HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,989: 7f) (16)

3	010	GREAT WESTERN (CD) (A Struthers) J Dunlop 9-7	W Carson	3
4	012013	DERRYGOLD (D) (W Tunstall) R Peacock 9-7	T Ives	10
5	0100	PINK ROBBER (S Wong) B Hanbury 9-6	J Reid	11
8	1140	CONMAYJO (J Gibbs) D H Jones 9-3	A Barclay	16
10	2303	FEN TIGER (D) (Mrs J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-13	S Perks	4
13	0402	LIFE GUARD (Ld Manton) J W Watts 8-8	E Hide	3
15	144	TOPPLE (D) (J Fisher) M Ryan 8-7	P Robinson	6
17	32200	STREET LEVEL (J Greaves) R O'Neill 8-6	W Ryan 5	9
19	400	ROCABAY BLUE (Mrs M Wilson) M Camacho 8-2	–	1
20	310040	NORTON PRINCESS (Maj J Linley) M H Easterby 8-2	–	5
22	44004	K-BATTERY (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 7-13	N Carlisle 3	15
23	30003	TRIAD TREBLE (Triad Garages Ltd) Hbt Jones 7-10	–	8
24	004000	HIGHEST TENDER (B) (Havenwood Con's Ltd) K Stone 7-8	J Lowe	12
25	4000	YANKEE BOND (A Richards) C Brittain 7-8	D Mackay	14
26	0000	KOOLIBAR (Ld Belper) M W Easterby 7-7	M Hills 3	13
27	0100	SKY MARINER (D) (A Duffield) J McNaughton 7-7	–	7

9-4 Great Western, 3 Topple, 11-2 Fen Tiger, 8 Derrygold, 12 Life Guard, 14 Conmayo, 16 Rocabay Blue, 20 others.

4.10 BBC RADIO HUMBERSIDE STAKES (3-y-o: £3,199: 1m 6f) (9)

3	0-0021	FLEETING KNIGHT (P Winfield) J Dunlop 8-10	W Carson	22
4	020340	CONTESTER (B) (F Watson) F Watson 8-7	–	6
6	0-10	LILAC CHARM (F McNulty) H Cecil 8-7	R Cochrane	4
8	12042	VALUABLE WITNESS (S Niarchos) J Tree 8-7	Pat Eddery	1
9	0	BRIGHT SCOT (Mrs B Eve) H Collingridge 8-4	A Barclay	7
10	0-0040	CONSCRIPTION (B) (J Rowles) J Leigh 8-4	J Reid	3
11	0044	COURTFIELD (Miss C Maytag) D Arbuthnot 8-4	G Baxter	5
12	040242	JACKDAW (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-4	S Perks	9
13	0-02240	MEAUME (D Ancil) D Ancil 8-4	Paul Eddery	8

4-5 Valuable Witness, 9-2 Fleeting Knight, 5 Lilac Charm, 8 Jackdaw, 14 Contester, 20 others.

4.40 BBC RADIO SHEFFIELD STAKES (2-y-o: £3,473: 1m) (12)

1	02	ATOMIC FORCE (M Fustok) M Albina 9-0	A Kimberley	3
3	0	BAY SHADOW (A Balzarini) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	11
9	4	CORINTH (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0	Pat Eddery	4
12		HIGH MOON (J Rowles) J Leigh 9-0	J Reid	6
14		OUT OF THE GLOOM (D Lowe) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	10
16	00	PRIME STONE (Mrs G Barry) J Etherington 9-0	–	8
17	04	SAN CARLOS BAY (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0	P Robinson	2
18	00	SAVOIR VIVRE (T Wilson) M W Easterby 9-0	M Birch	7
19	0	SHIRAN (M Bell) M Lambert 9-0	–	5
21	03	TROPARE (R Anderson) B Hills 9-0	S Cauthen	9
23	40	WOODWAY (R M O'Ferrall) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	12
24	0003	COUTURE LEG AFFAIR (Couture Marketing Ltd) R Woodhouse 8-11	W R Swinburn	1

6-4 Corinth, 7-2 Tropar, 9-2 Woodway, 8 Atomic Force, 14 Couture Leg Affair, 20 Prime Stone, 25 others.

York selections

By John Karter

2.5 Ridale Choice. 2.35 Rio Deva. 3.10 Expressly Yours. 3.40 Topple. 4.10 Valuable Witness. 4.40 Corinth.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.5 Strawberry Fields. 2.35 Nikiforos. 3.10 Captivate. 3.40 Topple. 4.10 Lilac Charm. 4.40 San Carlos Bay.

Cheltenham

Tote: Double 3.20, 4.30. Treble 2.45, 3.55, 5.0.

2.15 POSTLIP CHASE (£2,955: 3m) (7 runners)

2	23p022	BLACK ROD (A Baxter) F Winter 8-11-7	Mr O Sherwood
3	212f/-2	HOLBORN HEAD (D) (J Walker) W A Stephenson 7-11-7	–
4	00030-2	HY-KO (Mrs M Brubaker) D Gandolfo 7-11-7	P Barton
6	02130-2	MIDDLERIVER (Middlerriver Trading) J Edwards 8-11-7	N Madden
7	004/144	OATLEY PRIDE (P Hiatt) P Pritchard 8-11-7	A Webber
8	400b0-1	SONNY MAY (G Hubbard) J Gifford 7-11-7	R Rowe
10	3224r	UPPER TEN (Mrs J Williams) R Perkins 9-11-7	Mr D Williams

9-4 Hy-Ky, 7-2 Middleriver, 4 Holborn Head, 5 Black Rod, 6 Sonny May, 12 Oatley Pride, 20 Upper Ten

2.45 TEWKESBURY HURDLE (Handicap: £2,453: 2m) (9)

5	12110/	MORICE (D) (P Carr) P G Bailey 5-11-7	R Linley
8	0200-12	KINTBURY (D) (Miss J Grey) M Pipe 8-10-11 (6 ex)	P Leach
10	0/1044-	MONZA (D) (J Fenwick) P Cundell 5-10-8	R Rowe
11	321/311	BEAN BOY (CD) (Mrs E Dunn) Denys Smith 5-10-8 (6 ex)	J O'Neill
17	131/3-0	SHOW BUSINESS (D) (J Bodily) J Webber 6-10-2	A Webber
18	200000/	KNOWING CARD (Mrs D Merry) P M Taylor 8-10-2	A Carroll
19	0310-	OUR FUN (D) (M Tabor) J Gifford 8-10-0	P Double 4
25	f10430-	ROINEVAL (M Smith & Son Ltd) M Tate 10-10-0	P Scudamore
27	0111p-0	*CANTABILE (D) (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 4-10-0*	P Dever 7

11-4 Bean Boy, 100-30 Kintbury, 4 Monza, 6 Our Fun, 8 Show Business, 10 Moric, 12 Roineval, 14 others.

3.20 CHURCHDOWN CHASE (Handicap: £3,947: 2m 4f) (7)

2	00-0202	THE LADY'S MASTER (M Duggan) M Duggan (Ire) 12-11-7	N Madden
4	301300-	QUARTO (B) (CD) (A Morton) P Bailey 8-10-8	R Lindley
5	2p30-12	PIRATE SON (CD) (P Hampson) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-8	S Morshead
7	40042-3	ONAPROMISE (D) (T Macdonald) Denys Smith 7-10-5	J O'Neill
10	221023-	SOLID ROCK (D) (R Cottle) D Barons 7-10-0	H Davies
12	310003/	PRETTY HOPEFUL (D) (Mrs M Ash) J Gifford 8-10-0	R Rowe
17	0034-11	ST ALEZAN (D) (Ld Coventry) M Tate 6-10-0 (6 ex)	P Scudamore

3 Solid Rock, 4 St Alezan, 5 Pirate Son, Onapromise, 8 Quarto, The Lady's Master, 10 Pretty Hopeful.

3.55 NICHOLSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,434: 2m 4f) (13)

6	014fp-0	SKEHEENS (B) (Mrs L Simpson) J Edwards 8-11-7	P Caldwell 5
7	4p0-334	RUSTHALL (F Walwyn) F Walwyn 10-11-7	R Chapman 5
8	4303-04	BESIEGED (B) (A Blane) P Cundell 5-11-5	C Bell
9	p30301	THE FALLEN KNIGHT (Mrs I Penfold) J Roberts 7-11-5 (6 ex)	P Croucher 5
10	10003-3	RAISE THE OFFER (A.P.D. Insulations) P M Taylor 4-11-4	R Pusey 5
13	330ppp-	PELARO (D) (L.C.S. Southern) D A Oughton 7-11-0	G Charles-Jones 5
14	p0p000-	FLEDGE (K Cundell) P Cundell 6-10-13	M Rimmer 5
17	1p0-010	CROWECOPPER (Peter Crowe) B Preece 4-10-10 (5 ex)	P Dever 5
18	fp03f-0	BIG APPLE (P Cundell) P Cundell 8-10-9	S Blackwell 5
19	100/0	BALI GEORGE (Mrs M Jackson) Mrs K Coulman 5-10-6	DOUBTFUL
25	0pp0p0-	ROSE LEE (J Needham) J Needham 9-10-5	C McSharry 5
26	00f/0	BEAU ETOILE (J Eaton) J Eaton 7-10-5	S Lovejoy 5
27	fpp-0fp	ODD MEMBER (M Usher) F E Sutherland 4-10-5	N Greaves 5

5-2 Raise The Offer, 3 The Fallen Knight, 9-2 Rusthall, 5 Skeheens, 6 Besieged, 10 Crowecopper, 14 Fledge, 16 others

4.30 NAILSWORTH CHASE (Handicap: £2,860: 2m) (7)

3	431f4-2	YOUNG DUSKY (T Ludlow) F Winter 7-11-7	J Francome
5	4f-1112	CAPTAIN DAWN (P Hopkins) J Gifford 7-10-12	R Rowe
6	200110-	CUMBERLAND BASIN (D) (J Spielman) J Edwards 6-10-11	P Scudamore
7	130-1uf	DUNDRUM BAY (D) (G Bradshaw) A Barrow 8-10-4	P Stone 7
9	/0430-1	KERRY JACK (D) (S Christian) G Kindersley 7-10-0 (7 ex)	S Shilston
10	40-4112	LEADING ARTIST (J Belfrage) N Gaselee 8-10-0	V Mckevitt 4
13	14043	BARGELLO SON (Mrs J White) N Kernick 6-10-0	M Yeoman 7

7-4 Leading Artist, 3 Young Dusky, 5 Captain Dawn, 7 Kerry Jack, 8 Cumberland Basin, 12 Dundrum Bay, 16 Bargello Son.

5.0 RODBOROUGH HURDLE (3-Y-O novices: £1,431: 2m) (17)

1	11	STAR CHARTER (D) (R Ellis) J Jenkins 11-6	J Francome
4	412	MAGIC MINK (B) (S Marks) R Holder 11-1	P Richards
6	412222	*TYPESET (B) (D Edwards) J Baker 11-1*	J Williams
7	20	ALAN STUART (D Hancock) W Barrett 10-10	M Brennan
8	003	BROKENCROSS (B) (W Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 10-10	J Nolan
10	1	EMLYN PRINCESS (Mrs S Crowe) B Swift 10-10	R Campbell 7
11		LATIN FORT (Mrs C Seymour) Denys Smith 10-10	J O'Neill
13		LINCOLN ART (Mrs C Lincoln) G Gaines 10-10	J Harris
14		NICE FELLA (V Raibin) Mrs M Rimell 10-10	S Morshead
15	u	PETER DRUMMER (B) (Mrs A Hutchinson) J Old 10-10	P Murphy 4
16		PIERROT AUGUST (J Scanlon) H O'Neill 10-10	DOUBTFUL
18	20	SARENA PLASTICS (Sarena Plastics) S Harris 10-10	R Goldstein
20	4	WITH A LITTLE BIT (B) (Duke of Devonshire) F Walwyn 10-10	K Mooney
22		BOURNEMOUTH BELLE (Mrs J Duffy) J Duffy 10-5	C Brown
24		SANTIAGO SOL (D Bell) M Stephens 10-5	P Hobbs
25		SHIRLEY CREPELLA (J Cullen) S Bridge 10-5	W Morris 4
27	4	WEBWOOD (J Webber) J Webber 10-5	A Webber

9-4 Star Charter, 7-2 Emlyn Princess, 9-2 Latin Fort, 6 With A Little Bit, 8 Magic Mink, 10 Brokencross, 12 Typeset, 14 others.

Cheltenham selections

2.15 Sonny May. 2.45 Bean Boy. 3.15 Quarto. 3.45 Raise The Offer. 4.15 Young Dusky. 4.45 Star Charter.

Wolverhampton results

Going: Good to soft

2.0 BUSHBURY STAKES (Div I, 2-y-o maiden fillies: £828: 1m 1f)

MY TOOTSIE b f by Tap On Wood–Malmsey 8-11 ... P Robinson (6-1) 1
Superbie ... W Newnes (11-8 fav) 2
Blue Wonder ... T Ives (12-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £12.10. Places: £2.20, £1.30, £3.30. DF: £7.90. CSF: £13.64. M Ryan at Newmarket. 7l, 4l. Lily of Laguna (16-1) 4th 13 ran.

2.30 FINAL FLING STAKES (3-y-o: selling: £669: 1m 4f)

INCENSE b g by Martinmas–Cabochard 8-8 ... J Seagrave (9-1) 1
Tudor Roof ... B Procter (5-2 fav) 2
Kitty Wren ... P Cook (15-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.30. Places: £1.20, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £3.50. CSF: £10.24. J E Hetherington at Malton 1¼l, hd. Mopsy Lovejoy (0-1) 4th. 9 ran. Sold H. Dale 1,700gns.

3.0 STAFFORDSHIRE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,990: 5f)

SALLY CHASE ch f by Sallust– Karen Chase 9-5 ... P Cook (11-4 fav) 1
Gentle Gypsy ... J Reid (14-1) 2
Shades of Blue ... T Ives (13-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £4.10. Places: £1.80, £3.40, £2.30. DF: £29.00. CSF: £37.33. Tricast: £205.24. A Jarvis at Royston, 2l, 2l. Panic Stations (11-1) 4th. 13 ran.

3.30 BUSHBURY STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £828: 1m 1f)

PENNY'S DOUBLE b f by Cavo Doro – Pennys From Heaven 8-8 ... E Guest (3-1) 1
Miami Star ... J Reid (7-4 fav) 2
Penny Red ... T Quinn (10-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.70. Places: £1.00, £1.00, £5.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.61. E Guest at Newmarket. ¾l, 6. Home Solutions (7-1) 4th, 10 ran. NR: Court Gossip.

4.0 BOSCOBEL OAK HANDICAP (£1,881 7f)

GRADVILLE br f by Home Guard–Gradvia 3-8-5 ... D Price (20-1) 1
Norfolk Realm ... J Matthias (16-1) 2
Ballad Island ... V Smith (14-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £28.00. Places: £7.40, £2.50, £2.30, £2.70. DF: £187.60. CSF: £288.25. Tricast: £4,133.63. R Houghton at Didcot, hd, 1½l. Smart Amat (11-1) 4th. Jameston (15-8 fav). 17 ran.

4.30 AUTUMN HANDICAP (£1,524 5f)

CHERI BERRY b f by Air Trooper–Dorina 4-8-8 ... W Newnes (8-1) 1
Will George ... W Woods (10-1) 2
Courageous Buzby ... M Miller (9-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £8.20. Places: £1.80, £2.30, £3.70, £8.40. DF: £24.60. CSF: £90.25. Tricast: £703.36. W Wightman at Upham. 1½l, 3l. Sweet Smile. Lady Case (33-1) 4th. 16 ran. NR: Smiling Laurely. Tymapel. PLACEPOT: £23.30.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: William Hill Futurity Stakes Doncaster: Prince Ragusa, James Winkle, Nicolas Chef, Balaash.

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: York: 3.40 Highest Tender. 4.10 Conscription.

STATE OF GOING: Cheltenham: Firm. Tomorrow, Lingfield: Straight – Good to Firm, Hexham: Firm.

Devon & Exeter

2.0: 1, Quite Hot (20-1); 2, Sutton Prince (3-1); 3, Grockle (9-4 fav). 12 ran. Nr. Swedish Beau.
2.30: 1, Money Per Jam (9-4); 2, Topeka (Evens fav); 3, Master Smudge (7-1). 7 ran.
3.0: 1, Artifice (6-4 fav); 2, Migrator (15-8); 3, King Or Country (10-1). 5 ran.
3.30: 1, SILVER WIND (5-1); 2, Bishops Ride (16-1); 3, Gilema Jet (100-30 fav). 9 ran. NR: Swift Encounter.
4.00: 1, TEDDINGTON JEWEL (12-1); 2, Gallium (2-1 fav); 3, Je Reviens (13-8). 10 ran.
4.30: 1, RIVERS LAD (8-1); 2, Pride O'Fife (3-1); 3, Captain Courage (4-5 fav). 12 ran.

Saint Cloud result

PRIX ECLIPSE (Group III: 2-y-o: £14,639: 6f 110yd)

DIAMADA gr c by Dictus – Flota Armada (Mme P Hosier) 8-7 ... A Gibert 1
Reine Caroline ... D Vincent 2
Harifa ... F Head 3

PARIS-MUTUEL: Win 29.90; Places: 7.40, 2.80, 2.60. DF: 95.90. G Bridgland. 1l, 3l. Acamont 4th. 14 ran. 1m. 20.1sec.

Newcastle results

Going: Good to firm

2.15 PRINCES STAKES Div 1: (2-y-o: maidens: £1,656: 1m)

FEASIBILITY STUDY br c by Welsh Pageant- Yelming (A Salman) 9-0 ... G Starkey (4-6 fav) 1
Marlion ... K Hodgson (100-30) 2
Cri de Coeur ... E Hide (33-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.70. Places: £1.00, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.27. G Harwood at Pulborough 1½l, 2½l. Beldale Prospect (9/1) 4th 13 ran, 1m 43.73 sec.

2.45 NEWLANDS HANDICAP (3-y-o: selling: £1,249: 1m 2f)

GUNNARD ch f by Gunner B– La Conistrano (Havenwood Con's Ltd) 8-4 ... M Birch (10-1) 1
Highland Rossie ... S Perks (9-2) 2
Marlowswood ... G Duffield (5-2 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £10.70. Places: £1.80, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £21.00. CSF: £50.91. K Stone at Malton. 2l 2½l Gaygig 6-1 4th, 9 ran 7m 11.41 sec. No bid.

3.15 BBC RADIO NEWCASTLE HANDICAP £1,543: 1m)

PRINCE GUARD ch c by Home Guard–Guard-Crassua (S Matthews) 4-8-10 ... I Johnson (17-2) 1
Windpipe ... N Connorton (6-1) 2
Elarim ... C Coates (10-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £8.30. Places: £1.90, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £46.10. CSF: £50.62. Tricast-442.98. S Matthews at Didcot 4l, ½l. On The Foan (2-9 fav) Cap d'Azure (5-1) 4th 11 ran. 1m 41.56 sec.

3.45 HEATHFIELD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,438: 2m)

NIGHT EYE ch c by Crow – Four Bells (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-7 ... G Starkey (6-4 Fav) 1
Powersaver Lad ... B Raymond (14-1) 2
Peartpin ... J Bleasdale (12-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.40. Places: £1.30, £2.60, £3.30. DF: £8.40. CSF: £22.07. Tricast: £175.21. F Durr at Newmarket. 1l, 1½. Bold Spinney (12-1) 4th 11 ran. 3m 33.22sec Nr: Halyard.

4.15 UNIVERSITY TURF CLUB STAKES (3-y-o: £1,448: 1m 1f)

ONLY A POUND ch c by Sharpen Up – Double Lock (Dr S Arali) 9-7 ... B Taylor (11-10 Fav) 1
Carters Way ... M Birch (9-2) 2
Garden Route ... G Starkey (9-4) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.60. Places: £1.20, £2.20. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.31. J Hindley at Newmarket. 3l, 7l, Not to Worry (25-1) 4th 6 ran. 1m 55.47sec.

4.45 PRINCES STAKES (Div II) (2-y-o: maidens: £1,597: 1m)

CARO'S GIFT gr c by Caro – Christmas Belle (R Smith) 9-0 ... G Duffield (7-2) 1
Briarean ... G Starkey (5-4 Fav) 2
Bachagha ... B Raymond (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.30. Places: £1.60, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £2.30. CSF: £8.12. G Pritchard – Gordon at Newmarket 2½ l, 3l. Favourite Nephew (25-1) 4th. 11 ran. 1m 43.05 (2-y-o course record) PLACEPOT: £13.80.

Brighton

1.45 SOMPTING STAKES (DIV I: 2-y-o: maidens: £1,419: 6f)

SOME WOULD b f by One For All – Woodsome (M Burdett-Coutts) 8-4 ... T Williams s (5-1) 1
Bobbie James ... R Guest (8-1) 2
Simon ... L Piggott (4-1 fav) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.30. Places: £2.10, £3.10, £1.70. DF: £45.10. CSF: £43.70. H Candy at Wantage. 1½l, nk. Nazeeh (5-1) 4th. 14 ran.

2.15 SALTDEAN HANDICAP (£2,062: 1m 2f)

BIG PAL gr g by Pal's Passage – Queen's Honey (Mrs G Harwood) 8-9-3 ... P John (13-2) 1
Firm Evaluation ... S Cauthen (12-1) 2
Profit Warrent ... T Williams (8-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.40. Places: £3.10, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £14.10. CSF: £71.77. TRICAST: £572.28. G Harwood at Pulborough. nk, 8l. Rekal (11-2 fav) 4th. 12 ran.

2.45 BRIGHTHELMSTONE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £3,308: 1m)

DOUBLE QUICK TIME br c by Daring March – Dualvi (Mrs W McAlpine) 8-5 ... S Cauthen (7-1) 1
Green Mist ... L Piggott (10-1) 2
Tizzy ... D McKay (25-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £5.50. Places: £1.70, £3.30, £4.40. DF: £32.40. CSF: £69.27. TRICAST: £1,476.60. R Smyth at Epsom. Shadiliya (7-2 fav). First Cry (15-2) 4th. 12 ran.

3.15 STEYNING HANDICAP (3-y-o: selling: £1,280: 7f)

CLOSE TO YOU b f by Nebbiolo – Etoile Freda (E Etherington) 8-1 ... Gay Kelleway (15-1) 1
Tender Gift ... B Rouse (20-1) 2
Freebie ... W Carson (11-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £19.90. Places: £3.80, £4.80, £2.50. DF: £133.20. CSF: £251.82. TRICAST: £1,792.92. Pat Mitchell at Polegate. ¾ l, 1½ l. Palace of Love (4-1 fav). Paddys Belle (6-1) 4th. 12 ran.

3.45 SOMPTING STAKES (DIV II: 2-y-o: maiden: £1,473: 6f)

INNAMORATO ch c by Blushing Groom – Outdraw (Dr J Robbins) 9-0 ... L Piggott (4-5 fav) 1
Heraldry ... Pat Eddery (11-4) 2
Bold Patriach ... W Carson (7-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.70. Places: £1.30, £1.20, £1.30. DF: £2.80. CSF: £3.66. H Cecil at Newmarket. 3l, 1l. Jabaraba (14-1) 4th. 10 ran.

4.15 SOUTHDOWN STAKES (amateurs: £1,377: 1m 4f)

KHYBER b c by Oats – Mahiens (N Ram) 3-10-6 ... S Sherwood (5-2) 1
Our Caro ... J White (10-1) 2
Yuhzuru ... T Thomson Jones (3-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £3.00. Places: £1.30, £2.30, £1.20. DF: £16.80. CSF: £27.14. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. 10l, 3l. Vodkatini (9-4 fav). Coastal Run (6-1) 4th. 9 ran. PLACEPOT: £142.80.

GOLF

Remarkable revival in the fortunes of the women's game

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

The Women's Professional Golf Association, which seemed on the verge of collapse this time last year, announces a provisional schedule for next year that points to a remarkable revival. Compared with one 72-hole event this year, sponsored by Ford, there will be at least 11 events next year, with two additions to the tour – a tournament in the Manchester area supported by McEwan's Lager and the City of Manchester and another in Sweden sponsored by Audi – and eight upgraded from 54 holes.

Altogether the prize money is already expected to rise from £171,000 to at least £225,000 with further negotiations taking part in several areas. If present talks for the British Open, under the aegis of the Ladies Golf Union, bear fruit, there will be another $200,000 (nearly £140,000) in the kitty to attract the best players from all over the world.

The eight upgraded tournaments are the Smirnoff Irish Open, the British Olivetti, the UBM Northern Classic, the Guernsey Open, the Colt Cars Jersey Open, the White Horse Whisky Challenge and two events under the banner of United Friendly. As many as three more may be added before the winter is over.

The Open foundered this year because of the BBC's defection. The difficulty next time is to find a date that accommodates both the Ladies Professional Golf Association in the United States and the Suntory match-play tournament at Wentworth. The first week in October is the only available date in the LPGA calendar and that is the projected date for Wentworth. Since television is essential to the British Women's Open, the project seems to stand or fall by a swap between the match-play and the Lancôme tournament in Paris, pencilled in for the last week in September.

Even so, the women will be guaranteed gold for every week of the season stretching from May to mid-October, with the exception of the date of the men's Open Championship at St Andrews from July 19 to 22. Colin Snape, the newly installed executive director of the WPGA, believes that the tour is now sufficiently secure to attract new recruits from the amateur ranks.

He concedes that the Curtis Cup next year is a deterrent to any would-be new recruit but less so for those who have already played against the Americans. He must be casting covetous eyes on the likes of Claire Waite, Beverley New, Jane Connachan, Wilma Aitken and Gillian Stewart, together with Laura Davies, if only for her capacity to hit the ball as far as any other woman in the world, now with growing control.

The match-play championship, abandoned this year on the withdrawal of Lambert and Butler, is also to be revived with the support of Lorne Stewart, appropriately enough air-conditioning experts, at a time when a new atmosphere is being generated. There will be an elite field of 16 playing for a prize fund of at least £6,000, 12 drawn from the order of merit, and four at the sponsor's invitation.

CRICKET

India's spin favoured

Nagpur, India, Reuter – After two dull draws, India and Pakistan look set to produce a result in the third and final Test which starts today on a pitch likely to help the spinners.

It is only the second Test to be played at the Vidarbha ground. The first, 14 years ago, was dominated by spinners in a one-sided match won by New Zealand. The pitch for this game appears rough in texture, and India, with five spinners in their squad of 14, must be favoured to win.

Pakistan, without the leadership and bowling power of Imram Khan, their regular captain, have looked a shadow of the team which trounced Australia and India on home soil over the past year.

India's selectors, obviously foreseeing the turning pitch, have chosen two all-rounders who are spinners and three specialist spinners including Raghuran Bhat, who is uncapped.

With their specialist spinner in the Second Test, Venkataraghavan, proving wholly ineffective, India have replaced him with Kirti Azad, who bowls quickish off-breaks

The other main interest is whether Gavaskar can score the century he needs to equal Bradman's record of 29 Test centuries.

INDIA (from): Kapil Dev (capt), S M Gavaskar, A D Gaekwad, M Amarnath, Yashpal Sharma, D R Vengsarkar, R J S Ashim, Kirti Bzad, R M H Binny, S Madan Lal, S M H Kirmani, Raghuran Bhat, Manider Singh, I Sivaramakrishnan.

PAKISTAN: Zaheer Abbas (capt), Mudassar Nazar, Mohsin Khan, Shoaib Mahommed, Javed Miandad, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Wasim Raja, Wasim Bari, Tahir Naqqash, Azim Hafeez, Iqbal Qasim, Qasim Omer, Mohammed Nazir, Jr, Jalauddin, Atiqur Rehman, Iqbal Sikander.

Umpires: M G Subramaniam and S R Bose.

The West Indies cricket board have rejected an Indian propsal to limit bouncers (AFR report). The visitors will, however, comply with India's suggestion of bowling at least 77 overs a day or 14 overs an hour during the five-day matches.

● JAIPUR, India (AP) – West Indies, opening their three-month tour of India, scored 145 for four on the first day of a three-day match against Central Zone, having been put in. Haynes, who made 45, teamed up with Lloyd in a 45-run fourth-wicket stand. Lloyd was unbeaten on 35.

The match did not begin until after the lunch break because rain from Monday had seeped through the covers.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

D L Haynes, c Chaturvedi, b Hans	45
R Richardson, b Banerjee	21
H A Gomes, b Gopal	8
I V A Richards, Parthasarathy, b Gopal	16
*C H Lloyd, not out	35
A L Logie, not out	10
Extras (b 1, l-b 12, n-b 5)	18
Total (four wickets)	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–48, 2–54, 3–77, 4–122.

† P J Dujon, W W Daniel, W W Davies, M A Holding and R Harper to bat.

BOWLING (to date): Dutt, 7-2-14-0; Mathur, 4-1-12-0; Banerjee, 11-1-26-1; Gopal 18-3-45-2; Hans 14-5-35-1.

CENTRAL ZONE: Parthasarathy Sharma (Captain), Anil Mathur, S Khandhar, S Rao, S Chaturvedi, A Burrows, Ved Raj, Gopal Sharma, R Hans V Dutt, P Banerjee.

BOXING

Graham set for fat purse

Herol Graham has accepted an offer he could not refuse to defend his European light-middleweight title against Germaine Lemaitre of France, in St Nazaire, on November 11.

Graham, under orders from the EBU to defend by the end of November, signed up in St Nazaire over the weekend for a purse of nearly £17,000. The amount of money involved is the sole reason why the venue of the bout has been switched from Graham's home town, Sheffield, to that of the challenger.

The purse is three times bigger than Graham has ever received before, and his adviser, Mike Barrett, intends to run a special trip to St Nazaire for his supporters.

Graham, who also holds the Commonwealth title and was undefeated as British champion, faces a busy start to the season. He is due to box at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday against Carlos Bettancourt of Puerto Rico.

"Graham, his manager and I are all confident he can handle two fights in a month and that he is fully capable of retaining the European title on the other man's territory," Barrett said.

IN BRIEF

Olympics in Sofia?

Sofia (AFP) – Sofia hopes to stage the 1992 Winter Olympic Games. The Bulgarian Olympic ccommittee will propose the capital as a candidate to the International Olympic Committee at the 1984 games in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

YACHTING: The winners of the America's Cup are trying to resist growing demands that the trophy be accessible to the public. Commodore Peter Dalziell of the Royal Perth Yacht Club said yesterday that the cup would go on public display for just a brief period.

ATHLETICS: Rod Dixon of New Zealand has said he will win the New York City Marathon on October 23, and said his target was a world best of 2hr 7min 38sec.

FOOTBALL: Blackpool have been served with a court order for not paying a £16,000 rates bill to the local council. A court hearing has been fixed for October 20 but the club chairman, Ken Chadwick, said Blackpool will not be represented.

● Brentford will meet Queen's Park Rangers at Griffin Park on November 15 (7.45) in a testimonial game for their former general manager, Denis Piggott.

Debunking a popular theory



A lone spectator surveys a desolate scene at Old Trafford, though not one as typical as popular theory has it, according to the Information Officer of Manchester Corporation writing to *The Times* in 1953. His letter is part of our final extract adapted from *The Way to Lord's* (Collins Willow, £8.95), an anthology of cricketing letters to *The Times* compiled by Marcus Williams.

Today's selection exemplifies the enormous variety of subjects which have prompted readers of the newspaper to put pen to paper or paper to typewriter. Cricket has produced more letters to *The Times* than all other sports put together (well over 2,000 have been published), hence this collection. It takes its title from the headline on a letter from Mr D. M. Brittain, of Aberdeen, which first appeared on June 25, 1968 and is now repeated here.

Avoiding the 'monsoon season'

From the Information Officer, Manchester Corporation

Sir, The papers this morning are full of woeful groans about the interruption of the third Test match at Manchester by rain, and some papers have even gone so far as to headline their Test report: 'Why give Manchester a Test in future?' Of course, the idea of omitting Manchester from the Test series will not be taken seriously, but the suggestion that Manchester is an unusually wet city is wholly incorrect.

Manchester does not, perhaps, get as much sunshine as some holiday resorts, but the annual rainfall is less than 30in – about two-thirds that of many south of England and Welsh coast holiday resorts. The truth of the matter is that Manchester, like India, has a 'monsoon season' in July and August, when the rainfall is sometimes more than double that of other months. The statistics supplied by the Air Ministry meteorological station at Ringway Airport will illustrate my point.

Average rainfall for 10 years, 1942-1951

April	52.1 millimetres
May	66.5 millimetres
June	57 millimetres
July	72.2 millimetres
August	83.8 millimetres
September	68.7 millimetres

Rainfall for the months of June and July, 1949-1952

	June millimetres	July millimetres
1949	23.8	64
1950	64.7	60.9
1951	21.8	82.9
1952	58.2	83.9
1953	60.1	-

The obvious answer is to change the Manchester Test to the month of June, and to put it at the time of the Wimbledon fortnight. This would mean that the second Test would played in Manchester instead of the third. There is no reason why this change should not be made (except that July and August are probably just as wet in other places) and it would, at least, dispose of the outworn legend that if always rains in Manchester.

Yours truly,
TERENCE F. USHER
July 13, 1953

Lord's schools

From Sors Tertia

Sir, I am sure your invitation to Winchester to return to Lord's is kindly meant; so I will not charge you with committing a bad notion. Most of my Wykehamist friends, however, agree with me that Dr Moberly, who insisted on our declining the invitation in 1858, better interpreted the ethos of our society. We regard Eton with affection and Harrow with respect, but their ways are not ours. We have dwelt where our wise founder placed us nearly 600 years ago, far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife, withdrawn among the ambient streams of Itchen. We lift up our eyes unto Hills, not unto the grandstand. We do not, like younger schools, hold speech days, or other public demonstrations. We think that from our seclusion has come our power to serve the commonwealth in our perhaps peculiar way.

We love to entertain our Etonian friends in our own beautiful fields, and to enjoy their hospitality on Agar's Plough. Here we believe we preserve more of the *Amicabilis Concordia*, which we signed *with them in 1444 and* have kept inviolate ever since, than could survive the harsher rivalry of the metropolitan arena. Please, Sir, allow us still, like the Shunammite woman who might have been commended for the king or the captain of the host, to dwell among our own people. Believe me, Sir, I write with no disrespect for great schools of a different tradition. It was an Old Harrovian head master – happily still with us in his eighty-ninth year – who taught me the essence of the Wykehamist spirit in the phrase 'We do not advertise.'

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
SORS TERTIA
July 18, 1950

The latest score

From Mr T. L. Geddes

Sir, Being a Scotsman, I have no interest in cricket. But at this season when all my mad English friends constantly ask me: "Have you heard the latest score?" – to which question, obviously, I have neither the knowledge nor the desire to give an intelligent answer – I venture to suggest that the General Post Office might turn one of its golden-voiced girls on to the job of providing a cricketing service for telephone subsribers. At the usual charge of 1d per call, my friends would then be able to dial CRI and obtain the score at any time of night or day.

The implementation of this suggestion would greatly increase my peace of mind, and that of all my compatriots similarly condemned to eke out a miserable, if somewhat more lucrative, existence among the extraordinary people who inhabit the southern portion of this island.

Yours faithfully,
T. L. GEDDES
May 1, 1948

The Post Office recorded score service began for the Lord's Test of 1956 when about 1 million calls – records are incomplete because the counting equipment was overloaded – were made; in the summer of 1982 the service received 20.5 million calls. Several Scots, incidentally, have played Test cricket.

Cricket week at Canterbury

From A Man of Kent

Sir, I have been a regular attendant at the Cricket Week for 44 years. Till recently lookers-on could see all they wished of the game, and, moreover, if they regarded the great annual county meeting in merely a social point of view, had every opportunity of meeting their friends, as, with the exception of the necessary markers' tent, the whole circuit of the ground was open to the public.

A great change, I regret to say, has taken place for the worse in consequence of the proprietors allowing private tents to be erected, which now, being about a score, and increasing in number annuallly, monopolize a good third of the ground, and thus deprive the public of both seeing the cricket and, at the same time, enjoying the society of their friends.

Many tents with a capacity for 30 or 40 occupants may be seen with less than a dozen. True, there are a limited number of covered seats for subscribers and their friends, but the great mass of visitors who pay their shilling (and these were said to be yesterday upwards of 8,000) are deprived of half their pleasure by this dog-in-the-manger love of exclusiveness. I venture to make known through your columns this public grievance in hope of some remedy being adopted.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
A MAN OF KENT
August 12, 1892

Buried ball

From Mr Hugh Merrick

Sir, In the celebrated case where the ball lodged in a rabbit-run, near the boundary, at exact finger-tip length from the fielder lying on the ground trying in vain to retrieve it at the length of his outstretched arm, the umpire ruled that, since the ball could be plainly seen and everyone present knew precisely where it was, the 'Lost Ball' provision could not apply.

The 26 runs, necessary at the time for the home side's victory, which were run before it was eventually recovered were therefore allowed to stand as legitimate.

Yours truly,
HUGH MERRICK
August 1, 1958

The Way to Lord's

From Mr D. M. Brittain

Sir, Now I know that this country is finished. On Saturday, with Australia playing, I asked a London cabby to take me to Lord's, and had to show him the way.

Your obedient servant,
D. M. BRITTAIN,
June 25, 1968.

ATHLETICS

Setting up the video for a technical revolution

By Pat Butcher

A new sponsorship deal offering a novel twist in the provision of video games for youngsters was announced by Rediffusion yesterday. The teenagers themselves will be the stars of the screen in a scheme aimed primarily at plugging one of the big gaps in the sport in Britain – the technical events.

Over 150 athletes between the ages of 13 and 18 will be invited to attend coaching clinics at nine venurs throughout the country where there will be six video cameras at their disposal. Rediffusion are also supplying the nine British national coaches with cameras and recorders, to facilititate their exchange of information.

The clinics have been organized in conjunction with the British Amateur Athletic Board and the International Athletes Club, to be held this winter under the auspices of David Hemery, the 1968 Olympic gold medal winner in the 400 metres hurdles.

Both Hemery and Frank Dick, the Board's director of coaching, stressed the importance of video for technical events nowadays, but having Hemery, still a fit athlete at 39 years of age, to present the clinics will add the inspirational to the educational.

Rediffusion also presented a cheque for £35,000 to Dick Palmer, of the British Olympic Association, to boost the fund for next year's Games in Sarajevo and Los Angeles. Palmer took the opportunity to remind the Government of the "iniquitous" amount taken off their fund-raising in tax.

The BOA have given the BAAB an extension of three weeks next summer on the date for finalizing the athletics team for Los Angeles. This was announced by the Board on Monday in tamdem with the final plans for the Olympic trials to be held at Crystal Palace, on June 6, and at Gateshead, on June 10.

But the muddle that has accompanied the pre-selection of nine athletes for the Olympics, and the decision to hold trials for the rest, while trying to hold on to HFC Trust, who have put in £200,000 of sponsorship, smacks too much of the internal politicking between the Board and the AAA that has spoiled relations with the athletes in the past.

Decker wins

Los Angeles (AFP) – Mary Decker, has received the Jesse Owens Trophy for the outstanding achievements by an American athalete during the last year. She won the 1,500 metres and 3,000 metres at the world championships and set American records over 800 metres and 1,500 metres. She now holds all American records from 800 metres to 10,000 metres.



Hemery: helping Britain over a barrier

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Milk Cup
Second round, first leg
Brentford v Liverpool (7.45)
Derby v Birmingham
Doncaster v Fulham
Ipswich v Blackburn
Leeds v Chester
Leicester v Chelsea (7.0)
Newcastle v Oxford United
Stoke v Peterborough
Torquay v Manchester City
Tottenham Hotspur v Lincoln (7.45)

Scottish League Cup
Section one
Dundee United v Motherwell
Morton v Alloa
Section two
Hearts v Clydebank
Rangers v St Mirren
Section three
Aberdeen v Dundee
Section four
Celtic v Kilmarnock
Hibernian v Airdreonians

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Scarborough v Runcorn.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion v Buxton; Southport v Oswestry; Workington v Macclesfield; Worksop v Matlock.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Leeds (7.0); Burnley v Sunderland. Second division: Huddersfield v Port Vale; Notts County v Grimsby; Wigan v Preston (7.0); Bradford City v Chesterfield.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall v Leicester (2.0); Norwich v Chelsea; Oxford United v Watford; Tottenham Hotspur v Swansea (at Cheshunt, 2.30); Queens Park Rangers v Arsenal (2.30).
IRISH LEAGUE: Gold Cup, semi-final: Coleraine v Linfield (at the Oval, Belfast).
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Edgware v Haringey; Wolverton v Thatcham.
MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Portsmouth v Peterboro (2.0); Southend v Cambridge United.
FA CUP: Second qualifying round replays: Chesham v Wembley (at Tring); VS Rugby v Heybridge Swifts (4.0); Yorkshire Amateurs v Lancaster (4.0); Tow Law v Easington.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Essex FA v Sussex FA (at Leyton Wingate).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Folkestone and Shepway v Welling; Shepshed Charterhouse v Bromsgrove.

RUGBY UNION
TOUR MATCH
Headingley v Canada.
CLUB MATCHES: Bath v Cheltenham (7.15); Cambridge University v St Mary's Hospital (3.0); Cardiff v Bridgend (7.15); Gloucester v Pontypool (7.0); Harlequins v Loughborough Students (at Stoop Memorial Ground 5.15); Newbridge v Bristol (7.15); Nuneaton v Burton (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE
SECOND DIVISION: Barrow v Hunslet (7.0); Dewsbury v Carlisle.

BASKETBALL
FIRST DIVISION: Manchester v Hemel Hempstead; Kingston v Bracknell (8.0).
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP: First round, second leg: Haaksbergen (Holland) v Solent Stars.
RACKETS: Over 40 tournament (at Queen's Club).
SNOOKER: Jameson International tournament (Newcastle).

King retained

Worcestershire are retaining the registration of the West Indian all-rounder, Collis King, even though they plan to sign a new overseas player for 1984. King will again be playing in the Lancashire League and will be available for Worcestershire if required.

HOCKEY: Sports officials in Zimbabwe, whose women's team won the gold medal at the Moscow Olympics in 1980 have protested against the International Olympic Committee's refusal to give their team an automatic place in next year's Olympics in Los Angeles.

FOOTBALL: Bob Kerry, aged 46, the education officer of the Professional Footballers' Association, died on Sunday, while competing in a charity road race. Mr Kerry was the man responsible for the PFA education courses and the recently formed trainee scheme.

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Residential property

One-bedroom flat is sold for £270,000

The sale of a one-bedroom London flat for £270,000 last week must surely represent some kind of landmark in the property world. Agents Keith Cardale Groves say that the 75 year lease on the flat situated right next to the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square, went to an American. Perhaps the buyer is someone who wants to live over (or at least next door to) the *shop*.

Whoever he is, the sale will be music to the ears of another estate agent, Savills, which specializes in up-market properties in London and the shires. Within the past few weeks Savills has itself sold two luxurious four bedroom flats to Americans in Kensington's Albert Gate Court (itself pretty pricey with flats ranging between £275,000 and £385,000, but providing a bit more leg room than the Grosvenor Square pied-a-terre). What is exciting estate agents is not that Americans are moving into top London properties – they have been doing that since the days of lend-lease and before – but that they are increasingly buying rather than renting.

Geoffrey van Cutsem, a partner in Savills, says that the interest of Americans and other dollar-oriented buyers in London houses and flats and in country houses close to London is on a hitherto unprecedented scale.

Writing in the Autumn edition of *Savills Magazine*, van Cutsem says that scarcely a prestige house or flat in Belgravia, Knightsbridge or Chelsea has been marketed this summer without generating American interest. Savills itself has sold eight central London properties valued at between £250,000 and £500,000 to American buyers recently and country houses in Surrey, Kent and Berkshire have evoked the same kind of interest from across the Atlantic.

The calculation made by the Americans, presumably, is that if they are buying into a rising market they can use up four or five years of a long lease without losing any of the value of the property and so effectively live very cheaply during their London stay.

Why that excites estate agents is that taken together with other recent trends in the market – the move by Arabs, for instance, to seek out whole blocks of flats to buy rather than just the one-off luxury flat or penthouse – it suggests a considerable amount of confidence returning to the market, which has had its ups and downs in recent years.

"Whilst not for one moment overlooking the horrendous domestic problem of unemployment," says van Cutsem, "the harsh and decisive steps taken to tackle inflation have made many Americans and foreign businessmen *believe the United Kingdom may* emerge from the recession before the rest of Europe and they are evidently backing their opinion with hard cash in the housing market.

One group who ought to be capitalizing on this growing transatlantic interest are the Crown Estates Commissioners who administer large chunks of the most important leasehold properties in London – notably the magnificent Regency houses in the terraces around Regents Park, a growing number of which are coming on the market as existing leases run out. Quite a number of the leases are reverting to the commissioners as existing tenants, who may have enjoyed beneficial terms for many years, find the renewal prices demanded too steep. Properties in the commissioner's portfolio command prices between £300,000 and £1.5m, so they are not for the indigent. Some are sold direct to new buyers, others have been snapped up by developers who, after restoration works, sell them on.

Three properties coming on to the market at the moment through the commissioners' principal agents, Knight, Frank & Rutley are numbers 11, 12, and 13 Kent Terrace, NW1, which have been extensively refurbished by the Copartnership group and are being offered on 60 year Crown Estate leases. The Kent Terrace houses are being advertised at £330,000 to £365,000.

The commissioners, in spite of their grand titles, are more or less like any other landlord but they do perhaps look a little more closely than some at potential buyers of the leases on their top-of-the-market properties.

Colonel Robert Osborne, Clerk to the Board of the Crown Estates Commissioners, says that they do try to stop leases on such places falling into the hands of businesses.

Restoring and maintaining the internal and external fabric of the properties is one of the commissioners' main preoccupations. Quite a number which have been held on long leases have fallen into disrepair and the commissioners want to restore them to their former grandeur.

Ray Taylor of Knight, Frank & Rutley says that it is important to bear in mind that when Regents Park properties are sold to new purchasers it is often on the basis of certain minimum refurbishments. As part of the agreement of sale, buyers are required to carry out restoration works in accordance with schedules drawn up by the commissioners and will often have to agree to employ an architect nominated by them to prepare plans and specifications

The other factor to bear in mind, of course, is that many of the dwellings in the Regents Park area will be listed buildings which may mean quite severe restrictions on what can be done to them

The potential purchaser needs perseverence, patience – and money, lots of it. In return, of course, he will be getting a dwelling in what is arguably the most beautiful "estate" in the capital.

Malcolm Brown



Seaman's Lodge, close to the village of Minstead in the New Forest, which will come under the auctioneer's hammer on October 25. The property, which has been used as offices by the Forestry Commission for several years now has planning consent to revert to residential use. It has six bedrooms and five reception rooms. The property will be auctioned by Whiteheads' at the Polygon Hotel, Southampton. The guide price is £80,000-£90,000.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

THE foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD. Proverbs 19: 3

BIRTHS

AUSTEN - On October 1st 1983, at Princess Christian's Hospital, Windsor, to Carol (nee Sanums) and Peter - a daughter, Suzanne Margaret

BAHU. On 30th Sept. on Oxford to Teresa (nee Konopelska) and Richard, a daughter Christina Josephine, sister for Elizabeth

BELL - *On 1st October at West London* Hospital to Sheena and Roger a daughter Katie Florence Elizabeth

BOSHER. On October 2nd at Charing Cross ...

DEATHS

PHILBRICK. - Peacefully at home, on Sunday, October 2, Alan Nelson, aged 91, of Seckford House, Woodbridge, Suffolk, much loved father, stepfather, grandfather and great grandfather. Cremation service for family only. No flowers, but donations, if desired to SS and AFA Ipswich Division TAVR Centre, Yarmouth Road, Ipswich

RENASON. - On Saturday, 1st Oct. 1983 suddenly Michael David. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Cadogan St., London SW3, at 10 a.m. on 11th Oct. followed by interment. *Donations to Save the Children Fund*, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 "A man for all seasons"

ROBINS. - On October 3 1983 at Harestone Nursing Home, Sheila, dearly loved wife of R. H. Robins, of Caterham, Surrey. Funeral service at St John's Church, Caterham, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11. No *flowers by request. If desired, donations may be sent to Cancer Relief*

SIMON. - On October 3rd peacefully at her home, Hoe Farm, Hascombe, Godalming, Sybil Marie in her 79th year, dearly beloved wife of Arthur Leon. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium at Thursday October 6th at 4 p.m. No flowers by request

THOMAS. - On Saturday, 1st October 1983, peacefully at home, Jessie, dearly loved mother of Mary and grandmother of Matthew and Andrew. Enquiries to T. H. Sanders & Higgs Ltd 892 2617

THOMPSON. - On October 2, 1983 peacefully, George Frederick, father of Richard, Jennifer and George. Service at Wednesbury Parish Church on Friday, October 7 at 11.15 a.m. Flowers to Cooperative Funeral Service, Hatherton Street, Walsall

TWEEDY. - On 3rd October 1983, peacefully, in her 90th year, Enie, beloved wife of the late George Tweedy of Edinburgh and a much loved mother and grandmother. Service at Warriston Crematorium Cloister Chapel Edinburgh on Thursday 6th October at 11.15 a.m.

TWINING. On October 4, 1983, Temple Crauford, beloved father of Valerie and widower of Eileen. Funeral on Friday, October 7, at Windlesham Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. No letters or flowers please, but ...

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Dated this 27th day of September 1983.

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No 005408 of 1983
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview between 6.45 and 7.00; review of the morning papers at 7.18 and 8.18; pop music news from Mike Smith between 7.30 and 8.00; horoscopes between 8.30 and 8.45; and food and cooking ideas between 8.45 and 9.00.
9.00 Gharbar. A magazine programme of interest to Asian women. Making your house burglarproof is the subject this morning. 9.25 Interval
9.30 Labour Conference 1983. Live coverage of the fourth day's proceedings. (Further coverage on this channel at 10.55 and 2.00 and on BBC 2 at 3.50). 10.30 Play School. For the under fives, presented by Iain Lauchlan (r). 10.55 Labour Party Conference 1983 continued
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Judi Lines. The weather prospects come from Michael Fish 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Cook and Indian film star, Madhur Jaffrey is among the guests today as is legendary trumpeter Shorty Rogers. 1.45 Hokey-Kokey, a See-Saw programme for the very young.
2.00 Labour Party Conference 1983. (Continues on BBC2 at 3.50). 3.53 Regional news (not London).
3.55 Play School, presented by Sarah Long with guest Fraser Wilson. 4.20 Cartoon: Mighty Mouse in Hero-for a Day (r). 4.25 Jackanory with Kenneth Williams reading Sneeze and be Slain. 4.40 Screen Test. Brian Trueman with a new series of the cinematic recall quiz. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround.
5.10 Seaview. The first of a new six-part comedy series about a family who run a sea-side private hotel.
5.40 News with Moira Stuart. 6.00 South East at Six.
6.30 Ask the Family. The third match in the general knowledge quiz pits the Aldwinkles from Blackburn against the Frymanns of Nottingham.
6.55 Harty. Russell Harty's guest tonight is Shirley MacLaine who invites viewers to telephone her on the show.
7.30 Film: Night Chase (1970) starring David Janssen and Yaphet Kotto. At Los Angeles airport a taxi driver picks up a passenger who is obviously distressed. Their journey south to Mexico is a concoction of exciting episodes. Directed by David Starrett.
9.00 News with Sue Lawley.
9.25 Are we Being Served? Employment Minister, Peter Morrison is confronted by tradesman Mick Williams and labourer John Churchill with their views on a council flat refurbishment scheme in Bootle on Merseyside. The last programme of the series.
9.55 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter. A profile of heavyweight boxer Frank Bruno and coverage of the Basildon Bond Leading Show Jumper of the Year competition are on the bill tonight.
10.53 News headlines.
10.55 The Rockford Files. The easy-going detective has to help his policeman chum to crack a case of fraud (r).
11.45 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and John Stapleton. A review of the morning papers at 6.28; news from Gavin Scott at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.23; sport at 6.38 and 7.40; exercises at 6.45 and 9.18; a guest in the spotlight at 7.05; Popeye cartoon at 7.20; guest Norman Wisdom from 7.33; Fenton Bresler's Casebook at 7.50; pop video at 7.55; Ian Gillan's star forecast at 8.08; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.35; and Wincey and Friends at 9.02.

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9.25 Thames news headlines 9.30 For Schools: Part two of a Game of Soldiers; 9.47 A Sikh girl talks about school; 10.04 Tracing tunes; 10.21 Understanding television; 10.48 Service centres near Cambridge; 11.10 A day in the life of an emergency department at a hospital; 11.22 Maths: Grouping and counting; 11.39 How we used to live.
12.00 Button Moon. Rocket adventures of Mr Spoon; 12.10 Rainbow Learning with puppets (r); 12.30 Play it Again. Tony Bilbow talks to Sue MacGregor, the presenter of the long-running BBC programme, Woman's Hour.
1.00 News 1.20 Thames news 1.30 A Plus. Kay Avila talks to Lord Snowdon about photographs and photography; 2.00 Take the High Road.
2.30 Snooker. Dickie Davies introduces coverage of the opening quarter final matches in the Jameson International Open 1983; 3.30 Blockbusters.
4.00 Button Moon. A repeat of the programme shown at noon; 4.15 Dangermouse. Part three of The Duel (r); 4.20 Emu's World Another adventure involving Rod Hull's erratic pet; 4.45 The All Electric Amusement Arcade. The arcade is threatened with closure following the visit by two men from the local council; 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Step-Family Association.
6.35 Crossroads. Sharon Metcalfe steps into the breach and volunteers to take on a delicate task.
7.00 Where's There's Life... Drs Stoppard and Buckman talk to another group of people who have overcome difficulties in life
7.30 Coronation Street. The Tilsley's house goes on the market.
8.00 The Morecambe and Wise Show. Eric tries his Robert Newton impression of Long John Silver and is worried about where Ernie has been on his night out.
8.30 Keep It in the Family. Domestic comedy series about a man hen-pecked by his daughters and, when she is around, his wife.
9.00 Reilly – Ace of Spies. The extraordinary agent manages, against fierce competition, to secure the contract for the rebuilding of the Russian fleet for the German shipyard Blohm and Voss at the same time becoming irresistible to Countess Massino.
10.00 News.
10.30 Midweek Sports Special: Highlights from one of tonight's football Milk Cup second round first leg matches plus coverage of the opening games in the quarter finals of the Jameson International Snooker Championship.
12.15 Night Thoughts from Tim Dean on the subject of love.

CHOICE

● With three programmes on BBC2 tonight celebrating the occasion it would be hard to overlook the fact that the British Film Institute is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. First, Sir Richard Attenborough sets the scene as the guests arrive for the celebratory Guildhall dinner (6.20pm) attended by the Prince of Wales and ending with coverage of the presentation of awards at the end of the dinner (9.30pm). While the notables are eating we are treated to a 90 minute feast of nostalgia, BRITAIN AT THE PICTURES (7.30pm) in which are shown clips from some 60 films made in Britain since the birth of the BFI. Written by The Times film critic David Robinson, the programme illustrates Britain's changing cinematic views over the years on love, humour, class and discrimination – the latter category surprisingly meriting only one clip dealing with colour prejudice.

● An horrific story of torture and mutilation in Namibia emerges from Twenty Twenty Vision's disturbing documentary THE DEVIL'S CIRCLE (Channel 4, 8.30pm). Filmed clandestinely by a camera crew posing as tourists, using amateur equipment, the programme reveals the extremes to which the sadistic security forces will go to extract information or confessions from suspected terrorists, petty criminals and even innocent civilians. These atrocities added to the deprivation caused by the disruption of South Africa waging war against Angola on their soil, unemployment and repressive security laws, gives credence to the Namibians claim that they are trapped in 'The Devil's Circle'.

● Tonight and for the next five Wednesday's Swedish soprano Elisabeth Soderstrom talks about her life and career, recalling happy memories, illustrated with records. For this first edition of THAT REMINDS ME (Radio 4, 8.45pm) Miss Soderstrom has chosen a floral theme and, not surprisingly, has selected Scandinavian artists to perform the majority of the seven musical reminiscences – from Jussi Bjorling singing The Flower That You Threw Me, from Carmen, to the Dane, Carl Brisson with The Little White Gardenia. Between these two records there is a fund of memories, fondly remembered by the delightful Miss Soderstrom.

Elisabeth Soderstrom: That Reminds Me (Radio 4, 8.45pm)

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: History of Mathematics 6.55 The Physics of White Dwarf Stars 7.20 Science Fiction 7.45 Industrial Relations. Closedown at 8.10.
8.10 Daytime on Two: Die and Investment Casting 9.38 The tricks of television 10.00 You and Me 10.15 Maths: Sequences 10.38 Trigonometry 11.00 Words and Pictures 11.17 Rhythm Patterns 11.39 Making of Kenny Everett Television Show 12.05 Italian conversation for beginners 12.30 For parents of handicapped children 12.55 Helping mentally handicapped young adults 1.10 Micros in Schools (ends at 1.35) 1.38 Houses 2.01 Robinson Crusoe and pottery 2.18 How everyday happenings can be the basis for writing 2.40 Living under Norman rule 3.00 Closedown.
3.50 Labour Party Conference 1983. Live coverage of the afternoon session 5.00 Closedown.
5.40 Eight Days a Week. Robin Denselow with a review of the rock and pop events of the week. The guest critics are Mel Smith, Leee John and Richard Strange.
6.20 Sir Richard Attenborough sets the scene for tonight's 50th anniversary dinner of the British Film Institute at the Guildhall.
6.30 Great Railway Journeys of the World. With Michael Frayn as he travels from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean – from Sydney to Perth (r).
7.30 Britain at the Pictures. A celebration of British film making with clips from 60 films. Narrated by Sir Richard Attenborough (see Choice).
9.00 Butterflies. Ria and Ben have trouble in consoling son Russell after it becomes clear that his girlfriend does not want to marry him despite the birth of their child.
9.30 Fifty Years of the BFI. Coverage of the special awards to six celebrated film directors, presented at tonight's celebratory dinner in the presence of the Prince of Wales.
10.00 The Gathering Seed. Episode five of the six-part drama about life in depressed post-war Britain. The attempt to make the strike at the building site official runs into some opposition from the local MP.
10.50 Newsnight includes a report from Brighton on the proceedings on the fourth day of the Labour Party Conference.
11.50 Open University: A Renaissance Church in Rome 12.05 IATA: Clinching a Deal ends at 12.45.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Labour Party '83. Llew Gardner and Brian Shallcross at Brighton for the fourth day of the conference. Closedown at 12.30.
2.00 Labour Party '83. Live coverage of the afternoon's proceedings.
5.00 Countdown. Another edition of the fast-moving anagrams and mental arithmetic competition. Challenging yesterday's winner is Bristol dentist, Alan Walker. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster and Willie Rushton the adjudicator.
5.30 Make it Pay. The second programme in the five-part series in which Stephen Atkinson explores ways in which leisure crafts can be made profitable. His subject this week is wood carving – by hand and machine – and he illustrates how an enthusiast with only limited skill and facilities can fashion saleable products. Maurice Wilson answers questions and gives guidance to those wishing to set up a craft business.
6.00 Square Pegs. American high school comedy series.
6.30 The Spice of Life. Part five of the entertaining series on the origin of the spices. Tonight's programme about cloves is filmed in such diverse places as the People's Park, Peking, a Sri Lankan monastery, a 17th century restaurant in Quebec, and Salem, Massachusetts. The narrator is Edward Woodward.
7.50 Comment. The political spot this week is filled by Conservative Keith Raffan, MP for Delyn.
8.00 Brookside. Annabelle, showing a prospective new family around the Close, is embarrassed when her description of the place as all peace and harmony is visibly and aurally contradicted.
8.30 Twenty Twenty Vision: The Devil's Circle. A revealing investigative documentary on torture in South African controlled Namibia (see Choice).
9.00 Johannes Brahms: The Violin and Viola Sonatas. The first of three programmes celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of the composer. Tonight's edition deals with Brahms' relationships with Robert and Clara Schumann and their influence on the composition of the FAE Scherzo and the first Violin Sonata, which tonight are performed complete by Pinchas Zukerman and Marc Neikrug.
10.10 Film: Black God, White Devil (1964) starring Yona Magalhaes and Geraldo Del Rey. The story of an exploited Brazilian cowman who kills his employer and runs away to join Sebastian, a black prophet, who promises land for the poor. Directed by Glauber Rocha.
12.20 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today.
6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 The Goshawk by T. H. White (8). Read by Norman Rodway. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Henry Kelly.†
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Devon (r).
10.30 Morning Story: 'Fixed Odds' by Brian Glanville. Read by the author.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.
11.48 Zoo Talk (new series) :'Mermaids of the Mangroves'. International zoo vet David Taylor remembers his adventures with sea cows.
12.00 News; You and Yours. With John Howard.
12.27 Murder at The Red October by Anthony Olcott, dramatised in 5 parts (4)†
12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. The guest of the week is the golf commentator Peter Alliss. And Marilyn Finlay reads the final instalment of Chaim Bermant's The House of Women
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Miss Whiting's Visitors, by Anton Gill. Miss Whiting has two kinds of visitors, those who trouble her and those she entertains. The latter, all characters from a radio soap opera, do not cope as well as the former when real help is needed. With Margot Boyd, Alex Marshall and James Bryce heading the cast.
3.47 Time for Verse. The theme today is love. The poems are selected by Gillian Clarke, the poet, and the readers are Denys Hawthorne and Paul Webster.
4.00 News; Just After Four. Roy Lancaster, plant-hunting in Nepal.
4.10 File on 4. Major issues both home and abroad (Psychiatric patients who return to the community).
4.40 Story Time: 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' by Oscar Wilde (8). Read by John Rye.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather; Programme news.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Top of The Form. From Wales. Newtown High School, Newtown, versus The High School, Welshpool.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 What Price Compensation? The Risk of Safety. The story of a mother and her struggle to get compensation for her disabled daughter.
7.45 The Reincarnation Man. Professor Ian Stevenson talks about his investigations of reincarnation.
8.15 In Business.
8.45 That Reminds Me (new series) In the first of six programmes, Swedish soprano Elisabeth Soderstrom chooses music to accompany her reminiscences. She says that, when she retires from the stage, one of the things she will miss most are the flowers with which she is regaled. In tonight's opening programme, she choses 'floral' music to 'decorate' her memories of a life spent in song.†(See Choice).
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts Magazine. Includes a review of Sir Michael Redgrave's autobiography My Mind's Eye. There is also a review of a new film version of Pinter's play Betrayal, starring Ben Kingsley (Gandhi, in the Attenborough film). Jeremy Irons ans Patricia Hodge. 9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
10.30 Son of Cliche†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: 'The Heat of the Day' by Elizabeth Bowen (3). Read by Elizabeth Spriggs.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 On The Chewing Gum Trail. Ian Graham's work on the ancient Maya civilization of Central America. Starting as an amateur explorer, he has developed into one of the world's leading authorities on the remarkable Maya. (r).
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.

England VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools. 1.55 pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: L'Italia Dal Vivo (new series) (1). 11.30-12.00 Open University: Servants, Masters and the Enlightenment. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Part one. Bruch (Thea King, clarinet and Nobuko Imai, viola play the Bruch Concerto in E minor for clarinet, viola and orchestra, Op 88; Luciano Sgrizzi (piano) plays the Rossini Tarantelle pur sang. Plus Saint-Saens's Carnival of the Animals.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice: Part two. Copland (Quiet City) and Schubert's Piano Sonata in D, D 850, played by Ashkenazy.†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Robert Simpson. Locke Brass Ensemble play the Canzona, for brass; the Delmé Quartet play the String Quartet No 4.†
10.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: performances of Goffredo Petrassi's Invenzione Concertate. Mozart's Piano Concerto No 25, and Saint-Saens's Symphony No 2. With Jean-Philippe Collard (piano).
11.15 Schubert: Members of the Melos Ensemble play the Octet in F, D 803 (from West Clandon, Guildford).†
12.15 Concert Hall: recital by young artists. With Maldwyn Davies (tenor) and Iain Ledingham (piano). Works by Finzi, Gounod, Strauss.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Jazz in Perspective: Steve Race presents the first of eight programmes which bring him back to jazz after a self-imposed sabbatical of more than a decade. His aim is to analyse what really happens in a recording studio, as opposed merely to saying "Here's a great jazz record, folks".†
1.50 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra, with Gordon Fergus Thompson (piano) play Britten (march: Nocturne: Moto perpetuo) Godowsky (The Gardens of Buitenzorg – Java Suite). Marcus Dods (Highland Fancy) Litolff (Scherzo, Concerto symphonique No 4), Delius (La Calinda), Ravel (Une barque sur l'ocean) and Kodaly (Dances from Galanta).†
2.50 Rawsthorne and Mozart: Rawsthorne's Clarinet Quartet and Mozart's Divertimento in E flat for String Trio, K 563 – Paul/Imai/Kirshbaum/Hilton.†
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Guildford Cathedral. Direct. Organist and master of choristers is Andrew Millington.†
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Another Jeremy Siepmann selection, including a performance of Ravel's Piano Concerto for the left hand.†
6.30 Viñes plays Albéniz: Historic recorded performances by the pianist Torre Bermeja (Piezas Caracteristicas, Op 92).
7.00 Finzi and Warlock: Peter Savidge (baritone) with David Owen Norris as his accompanist sings Finzi's Childhood among the ferns, Overlooking the River and Channel firing: Amabel: and Warlock's Candlelight.
7.30 Royal Philharmonic Society Concert: Norman del Mar conducts this concert, direct from the Royal Festival Hall, London. Part one. The first professional performance of Bax's Spring Fire, 1913 and Liszt's Piano Concerto No1. With Shura Cherkassky, piano, BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Chorus, and BBC Symphony Orchestra.
8.20 Six Continents: Angus McDermid with more foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC.
8.40 Concert: Part two. Ravel's Daphnis and Chloe.
9.45 Dear Merthyr: Gwyn A Williams, Professor of History at University College, Cardiff, presents a life of Lady Charlotte Guest, influential wife of the Dowlais iron master Sir John Guest. Her journals provide the backdrop for this picture of life in Merthyr, iron-trade capital of the world, during the first half of the 19th century. Dilys Price plays Lady Charlotte.
10.30 Girolamo Frescobaldi: The London Baroque in the third of six programmes of Canzoni da Sonare, 1634.
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00) Major bulletins 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 (mf/mw). 5.00am Paul Burnett.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young direct from Washington, DC.† 12.00 Music While You Work.† 12.30 Gloria Hunniford† (including 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Ed Stewart† including 3.02 Sports Desk. Includes 'get well' messages to people in hospital (phone number 01-580 4411). 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Romantic Strings (new series) Marjorie Lofthouse introduces orchestral favourites.† 8.15 Listen to the Band.† 9.00 The Organist Entertains.† 9.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory, including 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Name's The Game with Barry Cryer, Duggie Brown, Jeremy Beadle and Lionel Blair. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 11.02 Sports Desk. 1.00am Folk on 2.† 2.00-5.00 Chris Aldred You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm, then at 12.00 midnight (mf/mw). 6.00am Gary Davies. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat, 6.05 Top 30 album chart. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00am-10.00pm With Radio 2. 10.00-12.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Kings of Jazz. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Caught in the Act. 10.15 Breakthrough. 10.30 A Mozart Pilgrimage. 10.50 Recording of the Week. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Listening Post. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 The Nature of Britain. 1.45 Two Hundred Years of Piano Playing. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Listening Post. 5.25 New Ideas. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.15 Short Story. 8.30 Jazz for the Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Coast to Coast. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Listening Post. 12.45 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 In Patagonia. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 From the Promenade Concerts. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

BBC 1 WALES 12.57-1.00 News of Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 6.05-6.30 Wales Today. 11.45 News and weather. SCOTLAND 12.55-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.05-6.30 Reporting Scotland. 11.45 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 6.05-6.30 Scene Around Six. 11.45 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.05-66.30 Regional news magazines. 11.50 Close.

S4C Starts 9.30pm Labour Party Conference. 12.30 Interval. 2.00 Dasaryddiaeth. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Egwyl/Interval. 3.00 Labour Party. 4.30 Countdown. 4.55 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.00 Y Mochyn Daear. 5.30 My World and Welcome to it. 6.00 Brookside. 6.25 Dick Van Dyke Show. 6.55 Gair Yn El Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Trol'r Dall. 8.00 Margaret Williams. 8.30 Y Byd Are Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Danger Within (Richard Todd). 10.45 Twenty Twenty Vision. 11.10 Hard Times. 12.05am Gair Yn El Bryd. Closedown

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Black Beauty. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 12.15am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Amazing Years of Cinema. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening, Ulster. 12.15am News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Wild, Wild World of Animals. 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.15am Company. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 It's a Vet's Life. 5.15 Action Line. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 I Can Hear You Smile. 10.35 Streets of San Francisco. 11.30 Snooker. 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.15am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs are. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.15am Boys' Brigade, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.15am All About Sects, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.15am News, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Fabulous Funnies. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 10.30 Film: Intimate Strangers (Dennis Weaver). 12.15am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 Exchange Flags. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.20am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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'It doesn't seem 25 years, I feel I should be serving champagne'



Flying memories: Miss Thorne boarding Concorde yesterday

Concorde celebrates Comet's first Atlantic jet flight

By Michael Baily and Richard Evans

The transatlantic jet age is a quarter of a century old this week and British Airways celebrated with a special Concorde flight to New York yesterday.

It was 25 years to the day since the first passenger-carrying jet, a De Havilland Comet 4 of BOAC, opened a new era boosting air traffic across the Atlantic from 1.3 to 18.5 million passengers a year.

On board yesterday's Concorde was a former BOAC stewardess, Miss Peggy Thorne, who made that first eastbound crossing by Comet on October 4, 1958.

Miss Thorne, now aged 56, retired from British Airways last year. Speaking yesterday, she said: "It was fantastic crossing in the Comet in just over six hours – half the previous time.

"We never dreamed it would be halved again to about three hours by Concorde. We worked very hard that day; but today I am just going to sit back and enjoy being a passenger."

BOAC's Comet won by a whisker an exciting race with PanAm's first Boeing 707 which crossed to Paris on a test flight the same day but without fare-paying passengers.

Comet's victory was short-lived however. The bigger, faster Boeing replaced the Comet on BOAC's Atlantic service after only two years. The Comets were moved to eastern routes where its shorter range and smaller carrying capacity was more suitable.

The Boeing 707 was joined in 1965 by the VC10. In 1970, by the Boeing 747 jumbo jet went into service soon to become the equivalent of the old Queens of the Atlantic. In 1976 Concorde began its service and in 1979, Tristar.

With those aircraft BOAC and BA have crossed the Atlantic 100,000 times and carried 19 million passengers.

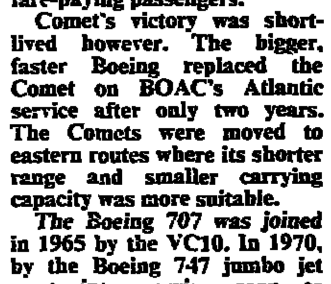
The round-trip by Comet was little over a tenth of Concorde's: £279 15s compared with £2,363. But a London hotel charged £1.50 for bed and breakfast in those days, and a week's skiing in Austria cost £21.

One thing remains the same, however. On the Comets they were already serving champagne, claret, lobster, and fillet steak.

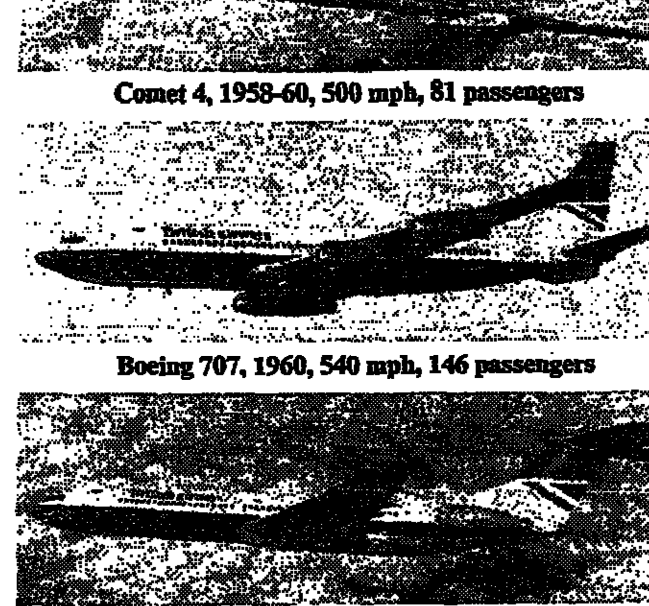
Miss Thorne sipping that champagne yesterday at twice the speed of sound and 10 miles high, on board Concorde, recalled the first jet passenger flight across the Atlantic.

"It was extremely busy for stewards and stewardesses. We left New York at 7am and my feet never touched the ground. As soon as we were airborne we served champagne

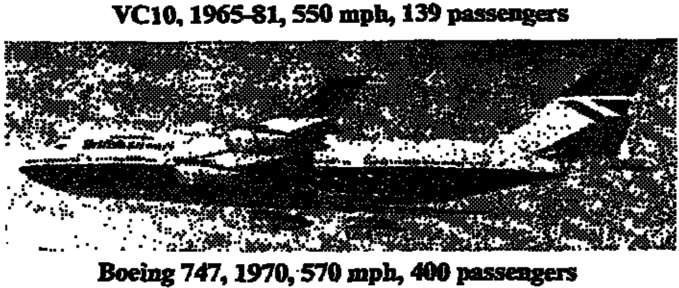
"It never seems like twenty-five years ago, and standing amongst the cabin crew it does not seem very different, I almost feel I should be joining in serving the passengers".



Flying history: Stewardess Peggy Thorn and Captain Tom Stoney after the first Atlantic jet crossing in 1958.



Comet 4, 1958-60, 500 mph, 81 passengers



Boeing 707, 1960, 540 mph, 146 passengers



VC10, 1965-81, 550 mph, 139 passengers



Boeing 747, 1970, 570 mph, 400 passengers

Tristar, 1979, 570 mph, 235 passengers

Concorde, 1976, 1350 mph, 100 passengers

Far left still out in cold on NEC

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deeply ashamed that Labour had allowed Britain's fortunes to rest with the present Government.

He was not going to blame the election defeat solely on the press and the broadcasters, that would be complacent. But he relieved his feelings with an all-out assault on Fleet Street where, he said as a former journalist, the debasement of journalism was worse than he could ever recall. That was loudly applauded.

Mr Foot said that the debate which the Conservatives and the newspapers tried to suppress during the election was now breaking out, wherever nurses, teachers, civil servants, and public authorities met. Mrs Margaret Thatcher's victory had been "a landslide won by deception". The "Iron Lady picked up her skirts and skedaddled" before taking tough decisions on public spending.

And Mr Foot concluded with the favourite teme of his leadership and of much of his career. The party, he urged, should use all its strength to try to stop the hideous nuclear arms race.

Chief whip opposed by Kinnock

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All three men, who have experience in the whip's office, are said to have the necessary qualities of communication and political edge that would be needed to reinforce Mr Kinnock's new leadership, inside and outside the parliamentary party.

But the entry of Mr Flannery, aged 65, into the races makes the uncertain result of the first ballot even more confused. Mr Flannery would be the candidate of the hard-left Campaign group, which has 40 members in the Commons, and 40 votes might be enough to spoil the first ballot chances of Mr Evans and Mr Snape, who are both moderately left wing.

Meanwhile, the Campaign group was reported last night to have made an unofficial approach to Tribune Group officers in an attempt to get a combined "slate" of left-wing candidates for the Shadow Cabinet election which takes place after the chief whip has been chosen.

Frank Johnson at Brighton

Meandering on to the end

Mr Michael Foot and the Labour Party embraced each other, as leader and led, for the last time yesterday. He was given a standing ovation when he rose. When he sat down they gave him another, and sang that he was a jolly good fellow. Mr Kinnock, the son he never had, according to psychologists, journalists and similar authorities on these matters, moved along the platform and clasped his hand.

Mr Foot ushered Mrs Jill Foot forward from the second row of the platform and put his arm around her. They cheered. Mrs Foot returned to her seat. The cheering continued. She was bidden forward again. On and on continued the ovation. For these minutes, all the warring factions that go to make up the modern Labour movement were united in their affection: Trotskyists, Stalinists or just humble, ordinary Communists.

It would be a hard-hearted soul who did not see the funny side of it. After much further emotion, Mr Foot and the Labour Party went their seperate ways at last. Certainly, the affection on Mr Foot's side was real. Was it real on the side of the movement?

A lot of it, yes. This was the only leader since Lansbury to be loved by large sections of the party. But there were a lot of less sentimental people clapping and singing too, enthusiastic enemies of Mr Foot from Left and Right. Their joining in the great ovation ensured that, as leader and party pulled away form each other, it was a scene equal in incongruity to the occasion on which Sam Goldwyn, as the liner left Manhattan for Europe, cried out to his executives ashore: "Bon voyage!"

When all the noise stopped, suddenly Mr Foot was, in effect, gone. The end of that speech had been the end of his career.

For Mr Foot, being the last of the noteless speakers, the career would have ended about a quarter of an hour earlier, had he been able to think of a way of ending the speech. He always did have peroration trouble. Over the years he would launch into the last paragraph only to find that he had put in one sub clause too many, was trapped, and found it necessary to change down a gear and re-perorate. So it was yesterday.

But, this being his last performance, he was able to admit to the problem. His wife, he said, had told him: "Don't do a Beethoven at the end". He quickly explained: "Because she thinks Beethoven had a bit of difficulty in finishing his symphonies". Many music lovers agree.

So Mr Foot had decided that his finale would consist of a tribute to Mr Kinnock. He had been "enraptured" by Mr Kinnock's speech on Sunday night after the leadership vote, he said. Mr Kinnock came from Tredegar, he added, a town associated with Mr Foot's constituency of Ebbw Vale. Aneurin Bevin came from Tredegar too, he continued. That proved to be the fatal sub clause which delayed the finale. Mr Foot suddenly found himself telling a story about how he was once sitting next to Nye in the Commons listening to a Tory who had hardly any neck at all between his head and his shoulders. Bevan had pointed across and exclaimed: "The hangman's problem!" This anecdote turned out not to lead on to anything else in the peroration, to have nothing whatever to do with Mr Kinnock, Tredegar, any aspect of contemporary British politics, or even the case against capital punishment, and was an anecdote none the worse for that.

The explaination was that Mr Foot likes to spread happiness and just thought he would give us a reading from Bevan's Bumper Fun Book.

Earlier, Mr Foot had quoted, without naming him, "one of my favourite poets," who turned out to be Heinrich Heine, on the subject of betrayal (Mr Foot was talking about Dr Owen at the time). Then, showing his vast breadth of reading, he quoted from another central European savant: Miss Zsa Zsa Gabor, in order to illustrate his belief that Dr Owen was not really a strong as he was trying to look: "Men who try too hard to be macho are generally not mucho."

When the applause subsided, Mr Sam McCluskey, this year's conference chairman, said a few words. He is an efficient, if salty-tongued Scot from the seamen's union, who has learnt much wisdom in his voyaging around the seven composites of the world.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal Engagements

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the British Film Institute, attends a banquet to celebrate the Institute's 50th Anniversary at Guildhall, London, 7.15.

Princess Anne visits the Bristol Grammar School to open a new teaching block built to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the granting of the school's charter by King Henry VIII, 10; and dines with the Officers of the Royal Artillery at Woolwich, 7.45.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Girls' Public Day School Trust, visits Putney High School to open new Assembly Hall, 12.30.

Princess Michael of Kent visits Berisfords Limited, Congleton, Cheshire, 11.

New Exhibitions

The George Washington Wilson collection: Victorian Glasgow in photographs, at the Collins Gallery, University of Strathclyde, 22 Richmond Street, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4, closed Sun (ends Oct 29).

Furniture – Classics of Design; and Johnson Matthew Metals Silver Awards 1982/3, at the Crawford Gallery, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Perth Road, Dundee. Mon to Fri 10 to 4 (ends Oct 14).

Langland Bay, Caswell Bay, Three Cliffs Bay, a photographic representation at the Arts South Exhibition Gallery, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park; Mon to Sat 9 to 5 (ends Oct 14).

Artists 303 25th birthday exhibition of recent paintings and sculpture at the Butlin Gallery, Dillinton House, Ilminster, Somerset, open daily 2-4 pm (ends Oct 26).

An exhibition of paintings by Francis Gomila, City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 12 to 5, closed Sun and Mon (ends Oct 29).

The annual exhibition for Peterborough Schools, City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 12 to 5, closed Sun and Mon (ends Oct 29).

Music

Concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square, Nottingham, 7.30.

Record recitals, John Lee Theatre, Birmingham, 1.

Concert by Bill Brookman's Upstanding Webb-Foote Palm Court Orchestra, Town Mill Theatre, Strathaven, Strathclyde, 7.30.

Concert by Scottish National Orchestra, Henry Wood Hall, Glasgow, 7.30.

Concert by Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, 7.45.

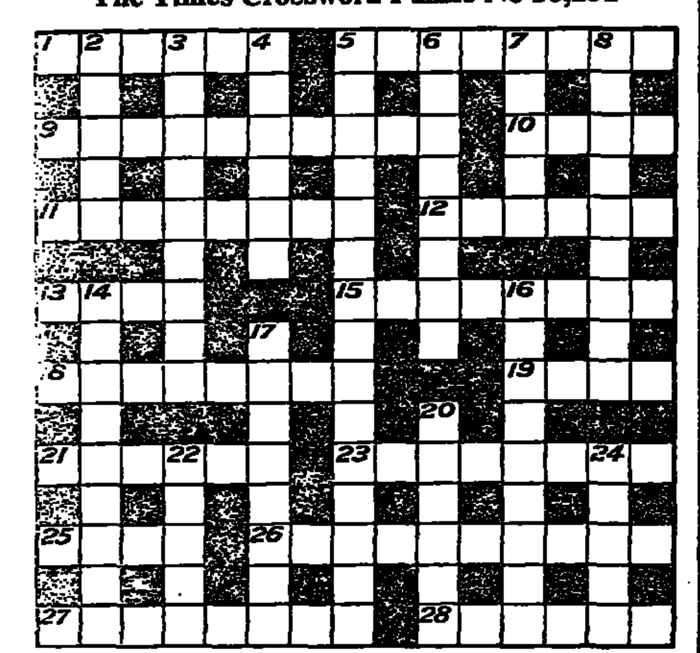
Concert by Trinity College of Music Chamber Orchestra, Theatre Royal, Windsor, Berks, 2.

Concert by Jane Coleman (violin) and Deborah Price (piano), Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, Doncaster, 1.

General

Visions, presented by Audio Visual Group of the Leicester Forest Photographic Society, South Holland Centre, Lincolnshire, 8.

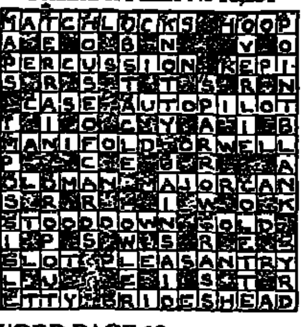
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,252



ACROSS
1 Around Brideshead, see return of fairy rings in grass (6).
5 Robinson Crusoe – cancelled for good reason? (8).
9 Imitation gem deposited in German bank perhaps (10).
10 Dig up old street (4).
11 Evaluates a couple of points repeatedly presented (8).
12 City where craftsmen were put to the sword (6).
13 Produce ring from contents of that old box (4).
15 Contrived to be in, as showing deference (8).
18 How to draw cards without restriction? (4-4).
19 Note reduced wind section in this composition (4).
21 Feast a couple of pages may be needed for (6).
23 Landing here after a flight (8).
25 As a rule, point covers some members of the episcopacy (4).
26 One's keen to dispose of sideboards (5-5).
27 French of one engaged in opposition (8).
28 Vegetable – one way to make the most of pie (6).

DOWN
2 Mount for a swordsman (5).
3 Lancing chap may uphold this standard (9).
4 Bosses out to dominate mentally (6).
5 Looking for the bright lights this is what to do (9,6).
6 Having authority, unruly disrespect is abolished (8).
7 Financial backer Disraeli sided with (5).
8 On the cards one over the eight is plenty (9).
14 North Pole area developed by such a craft (9).
16 RCS man gets indication to take French leave (9).
17 Fruit of bureaucracy (8).
20 Liveliness of "this turbulent priest" (6).
22 Often nuisance is partly the result of boredom (5).
24 None of them is any longer in the same circle (5).

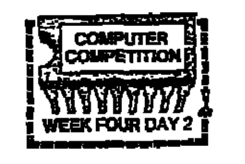
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CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 12

Anniversaries

Births: Denis Diderot, encyclopaedist, Langres, 1713. His great encyclopaedia, the fruit of 20 years work, was highly controversial in claiming that the lot of the common people was a nation's chief concern and in taking religious tolerance and speculative freedom for granted. It was suppressed in 1759 but played its part in the intellectual ferment which led to the French Revolution. Chester Alan Arthur, 21st President of The United States, Fairfield, Vermont, 1830. His presidency was notable for the completion of the great trans-continental railways. Deaths: Charles, Marquess Cornwallis, 1805. He surrendered at Yorktown in 1781, effectively ending the American War of Independence and later became viceroy of first Ireland and then India. The airship R101 crashed at Beauvais, 1930. The constitution of the 5th French Republic came into force.



New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week
A Dictionary of Mottoes, by L. G. Pine (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £9.95)
Piece of Cake, by Derek Robinson (Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)
The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, a collaborative edition, edited by Simon Taylor (Boydell & Brewer, £19.50)
The Dictionary of the Teenage Revolution and its aftermath, by Kenneth Hudson (Macmillan, £12.95)
The English Farm, By Ralph Whitlock (Dent, £14.95)
The Fontana Biographical Companion to Modern Thought, edited by Alan Bullock & R. B. Woodings (Collins, £15.95, Fontana paperback, £6.95)
The Kingdon by the Sea, a journey around the coast of Great Britain, by Paul Theroux (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95)
The New Testament in Scots, translated by William Laughton Lorimer (Canongate, £17.50)
The String Quartet, by Paul Griffiths (Thames & Hudson, £12)
Turn Back the Clock: her best monologues and songs, by Joyce Grenfell (Macmillan, £9.95)

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Roads

London and South East: A409: Single alternate lane and temporary signals in Heathbourne Road, Bushey Heath.
A307: Hill Street, Richmond closed, diversion, congestion at peak periods. A4088: Contraflow, Blackbird Hill and Neasden Lane.
Midlands: A6: Single lane traffic with temporary lights at Oadby in Leicestershire. M6: All traffic sharing one side of motorway between junction 10 (Walsall) and junction 11 (Cannock); delays. M1: All slip roads closed except southbound exit at junction 15, Northampton; contraflow between junctions 15 and 16.
North: A560: Carrington Road, Stockport, Greater Manchester, delays. M62: All traffic sharing one carriageway between junction 29 (M1) and junction 30 (Rothwell), delays. A523: Diversion north of Macclesfield.
Wales and West: A429: Temporary traffic lights on Cirencester-Bourton road at Northleach. M4: All traffic sharing one carriageway between junction 20 (Almondsbury) and 21 (Severn Bridge). A4: Bath Road Bristol, resurfacing.
Scotland: A92: Width reduced near B916 junction, west of Aberdour. A977: Single line traffic between Crook of Devon and Rumbling Bridge. M8: Lane closures south of junction 30 (Erskine).

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.70	1.62
Austria Sch	28.50	26.90
Belgium Fr	82.00	78.00
Canada $	1.88	1.81
Denmark Kr	14.54	13.84
Finland Mkk	8.70	8.30
France Fr	12.15	11.65
Germany DM	4.01	3.82
Greece Dr	147.00	139.00
Hongkong $	13.00	12.40
Ireland Pt	1.28	1.23
Italy Lira	2420.00	2320.00
Japan Yen	360.00	342.00
Netherlands Gld	4.51	4.28
Norway Kr	11.27	10.70
Portugal Esc	190.00	180.00
South Africa Rd	1.80	1.67
Spain Pta	226.00	218.00
Sweden Kr	11.97	11.40
Switzerland Fr	3.25	3.08
USA $	1.51	1.46
Yugoslavia Dnr	190.00	175.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 338.0.
London: The FT Index closed up 4.5 at 708.2.

The papers

The New York Times thinks that President Reagan is correct in cancelling next month's visit to Manila. It says: "The ugly murder of President Marcos's political foe, Benigno Aquino, is still far from properly explained. Mr Reagan had no business embracing the embattled dictator or involving himself in any other way in the struggle between his regime and a newly-aroused opposition." The paper thinks that Mr Reagan's absence will convey a desirable message. "With the help of a loyal army, and for lack of a clear alternative, Mr Marcos may ride out this most serious challenge in 17 years. What he cannot easily recover is his moral authority and it is not for Americans to bestow it."

The Daily Star comes out firmly on the side of Geoffrey Boycott in the controversy surrounding Yorkshire cricket. They refer to him as "Our Geoff – that's the way we feel about him. We make no bones about it. We are on his side, and we know that the vast majority of our readers support us". The paper accuses the Yorkshire Cricket Committee of driving the cricketer out of the county of his birth. "That cruel decision comes at the end of a season in which he has scored almost 2,000 runs – and no other batsman from the county has been able to reach even 1,000. Among his many records he has scored more Test runs than any other player in history. So is it any wonder that the Daily Star supports the campaign to have Boycott reinstated?"

The Daily Mirror also concentrated on the Boycott story calling his departure "the end of an era" and the man one whose kind "we may never see again". The paper says that at his best he was brilliant, unbeatable. Opponents feared him, but his followers loved him blindly. It claims that "after this year's disaster he had to go, though it would be wrong and churlish to put all the blame upon him. He was a rebel, but not disloyal. But he was no longer the man for his time. So Yorkshire had to sack Geoffrey Boycott. He was old-fashioned. In the bash and bang, six and out game that cricket is today he was positively ancient . . . Yorkshire has inflicted the cruellest punishment upon him. He has been boycotted."

Fair stamps

The Post Office today issue a special stamp to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the Bartholomew Fair, which was held annually between 1133 and 1855, when it was closed for alleged "licentiousness".

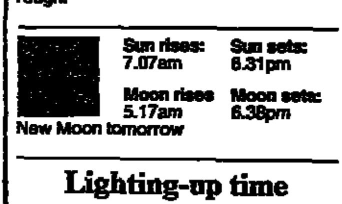
Weather forecast

A depression to NE of the Shetlands is moving away north-eastwards and an unstable westerly airstream covers the British Isles.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, NE England, East Anglia, E Midlands. – Mainly dry, sunny periods, wind W moderate, max temp 17C (63F).
W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales. – Sunny periods, isolated showers; wind W moderate or fresh; max temp 17C (63F).
N. Wales, NW, central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland. – Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind W fresh or strong; max temp 13-15C (55-59F).
Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetlands. – Rather cloudy, showers, heavy in places at first, sunny intervals developing; wind NW strong backing W later; max temp 12C (54F).
Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland. – Sunny intervals, scattered showers, becoming cloudier, more widespread showers later; wind W fresh or strong; max temp 14C (57F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Rain or showers in all areas, but dry in the S at first. Becoming cooler.

SEA PASSAGES:– S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Sea rough. English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind W, moderate to fresh; sea moderate. Irish Sea: Fresh to strong; moderate to rough.



Sun rises: 7.07am — Sun sets: 6.31pm
Moon rises: 5.17am — Moon sets: 6.38pm
New Moon tomorrow

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 7.01 pm to 6.38 am
Bristol 7.10 pm to 6.48 am
Edinburgh 7.09 pm to 6.54 am
Manchester 7.08 pm to 6.48 am
Penzance 7.23 pm to 6.59 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	17	63	Guernsey	f	18	64
Birmingham	f	19	66	Inverness	f	13	55
Blackpool	r	17	63	Jersey	f	20	68
Bristol	c	19	66	London	s	23	73
Cardiff	r	17	63	Manchester	c	19	66
Edinburgh	r	17	63	Newcastle	f	20	68
Glasgow	r	16	61	Ronaldsway	r	15	59

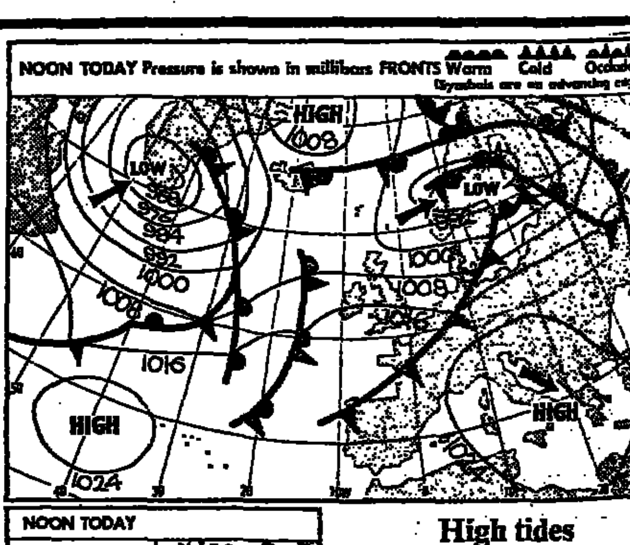
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Coltishall 25C (77F); lowest day max: Lerwick 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir 1.95 in; highest sunshine: Folkestone 9.6 hr.

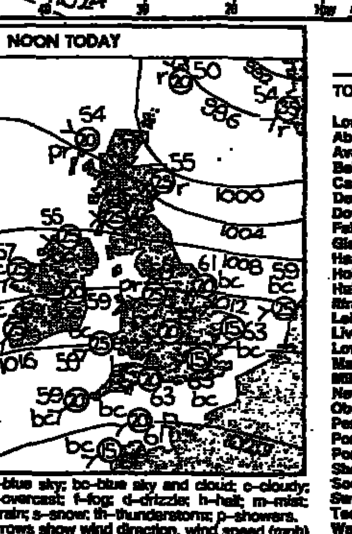
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C (73F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 17C (63F). Humidity: 6 pm, 74 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.00in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7.1. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1010.0 millibars rising

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)

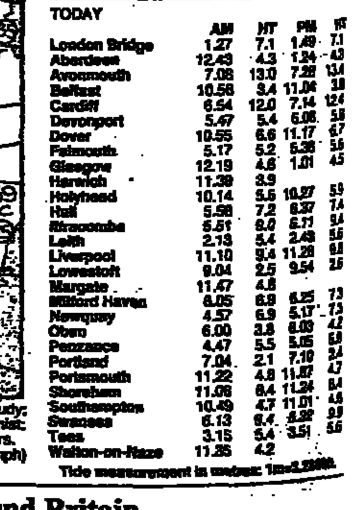


NOON TODAY



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorms; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aberdeen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avonmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Belfast	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cardiff	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Devonport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dover	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greenock	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harwich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Holyhead	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hull	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Leith	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liverpool	11.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lowestoft	9.04	2.5	9.54	2.6
Margate	11.47	4.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milford Haven	6.05	6.9	6.25	7.3
Newquay	4.57	6.9	5.17	7.3
Oban	6.00	3.8	6.03	[illegible]
Penzance	4.47	5.5	5.05	[illegible]
Portland	7.04	2.1	7.10	[illegible]
Portsmouth	11.22	4.8	[illegible]	4.7
Shoreham	11.08	6.4	11.24	6.4
Southampton	10.49	4.7	11.01	4.6
Swansea	6.13	8.4	6.32	[illegible]
Tees	3.15	5.4	3.51	5.6
Walton-on-Naze	11.35	4.2		

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

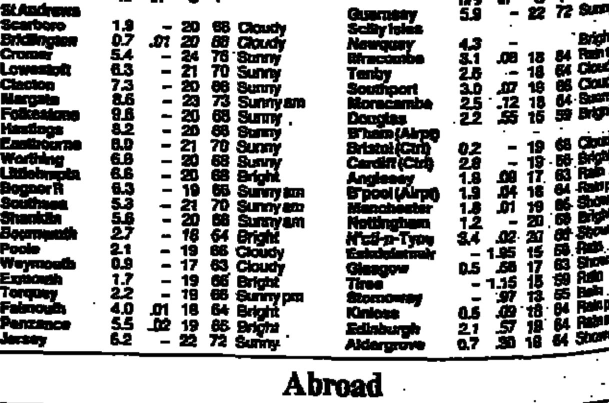
Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
St Andrews					
Scarboro	1.9	–	20	68	Cloudy
Bridlington	0.7	.01	20	68	Cloudy
Cromer	5.4	–	24	75	Sunny
Lowestoft	6.3	–	21	70	Sunny
Clacton	7.3	–	20	68	Sunny
Margate	8.6	–	23	73	Sunny am
Folkestone	9.6	–	20	68	Sunny
Hastings	8.2	–	20	68	Sunny
Eastbourne	8.9	–	21	70	Sunny
Worthing	6.8	–	20	68	Sunny
Littlehmptn	6.6	–	20	68	Bright
Bognor R	6.3	–	19	66	Sunny am
Southsea	5.3	–	21	70	Sunny am
Shanklin	5.6	–	20	68	Sunny am
Bournemouth	2.7	–	18	64	Bright
Poole	2.1	–	19	66	Cloudy
Weymouth	0.9	–	17	63	Cloudy
Exmouth	1.7	–	19	66	Bright
Torquay	2.2	–	19	66	Sunny pm
Falmouth	4.0	.01	18	64	Bright
Penzance	5.5	.02	19	66	Bright
Jersey	6.2	–	22	72	Sunny

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	5.9	–	22	72	Sunny
Scilly Isles					
Newquay	4.3	–			Bright
Ilfracombe	3.1	.08	18	64	Rain am
Tenby	2.6	–	18	64	Cloudy
Southport	3.0	.07	19	66	Cloudy
Morecambe	2.5	.12	18	64	Sunny pm
Douglas	2.2	.55	15	59	Bright
B'ham (Airpt)		–			
Bristol (Ctr)	0.2	–	19	66	Cloudy
Cardiff (Ctr)	2.8	–	19	66	Bright
Anglesey	1.8	.08	17	63	Rain
B'pool (Airpt)	1.9	.04	18	64	Rain pm
Manchester	1.8	.01	19	66	Showers
Nottingham	1.2	–	20	68	Bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	3.4	.02	20	68	Showers
Eskdalemuir	–	1.95	15	59	Rain
Glasgow	0.5	.58	17	63	Showers
Tiree	–	1.15	15	59	Rain
Stornoway	–	.97	13	55	Rain
Kinloss	0.6	.49	18	64	Rain pm
Edinburgh	2.1	.57	18	64	Rain am
Aldergrove	0.7	.30	18	64	Showers

Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	23	73	Copenhgn	f	15	59
Akrotiri	s	24	75	Corfu	s	24	75
Alexandria	c	26	79	Dallas*	f	30	86
Algiers	f	31	88	Dublin	f	18	64
Amsterdam	s	24	75	Dubrovnik	s	22	72
Athens	s	23	73	Faro	c	24	75
Bahrain				Florence	s	23	73
Barbados				Frankfurt	s	23	73
Barcelona	s	26	79	Funchal	f	24	75
Beirut	s	23	73	Geneva	s	22	72
Belgrade	s	22	72	Gibraltar	f	24	75
Berlin	s	22	72	Helsinki	c	11	52
Bermuda*	c	27	81	Hongkong			
Biarritz	s	28	82	Innsbruck	s	23	73
Boulogne	s	25	77	Istanbul	s	17	63
Bordeaux	s	27	81	Jeddah			
Brussels	s	25	77	Jo'burg			
Budapest	f	24	75	Karachi			
Buen Aires*	s	25	77	Las Palmas	s	25	77
Cairo				Lisbon	f	24	75
Cape Tn				Locarno	s	20	68
C'blanca	c	24	75	L Angeles*	s	22	72
Chicago*	f	25	77	Luxembg	s	20	68
Cologne	s	26	79	Madrid	f	22	72

		C	F			C	F
Majorca	f	27	81	Rio de Jan*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Malaga	f	25	77	Rome	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Malta				Salzburg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Melbourne				Sao Paulo*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mexico C*	s	21	70	S Francisco*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Miami*	f	27	81	Santiago*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milan	s	22	72	Seoul	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal*	s	17	63	Singapore	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Moscow	f	8	46	Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Munich	s	24	75	Strasbourg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nairobi				Sydney	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Naples	s	23	73	Tangier	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Delhi				Tel Aviv	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York*	f	26	79	Tenerife	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nice	s	22	72	Tokyo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	c	11	52	Toronto*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ottawa				Tunis	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	s	24	75	Valencia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Peking				Vancouver*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Perth				Venice	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Prague	s	23	73	Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reykjavik	c	11	52	Warsaw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rhodes	s	24	75	Washington*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Riyadh				Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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